

17 March 2022

The Hon Michael Sukkar MP
Assistant Treasurer, Minister for Housing,
Minister for Homelessness, Social and Community Housing

Dear Minister,

Queensland peak bodies call for National Housing Summit to address worsening crisis.

We, the undersigned Queensland peak bodies write to formally request the Federal Government convene a National Housing Summit to address the worsening housing crisis being felt across every corner of our state.

Our organisations are united in the belief that every Queensland – and Australian – community deserves to be a liveable one.

In standing up for Queenslanders on this critical issue, we are recognising the ongoing and projected impact of the housing crisis across our industries and workforces in Australia.

Long standing housing shortages – as well as growth and affordability challenges – have impacted many regions and communities over the last decade.

More recently, unprecedented low interest rates, sharply rising property prices, supply chain issues, significant labour shortage issues and scarcity of trades, have worsened the housing crisis and been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and recent severe storms and floods.

The impact of this perfect housing storm on our State is resulting in a range of social challenges for individuals, families and local communities statewide including increased homelessness, mental health pressures, drug and alcohol abuse and crime rates.

In some of our most vulnerable First Nations communities, overcrowding resulting from a shortage of housing has become a human rights issue and has escalated COVID-19 outbreaks during the pandemic.

A National Housing Summit would allow all three levels of government and industry to work together to begin addressing this complex issue – and work towards a solution in a strategic, coordinated and considered way.

We urge the Federal Government to listen to our clarion call and commit to this important step of a National Summit.

We stand willing and able to work with your government on this joint request, on behalf of our members – Queenslanders who deserve the security of affordable and secure housing, and a liveable community.

Sincerely,



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