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I have pass this request onto the department and they are going to work on getting this to you early next week as requested 😊

Kind regards



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**To:** Hamish Bessant  
**Cc:** Sharni Sawyer; Sebastian Keim; Rachel Welch  
**Subject:** Interim information on Toowoomba demand for social housing  
**Attachments:** social-housing-design-guideline.pdf

Hi Hamish,

I hope this finds you well.

I understand you were after early data about social housing demand in Toowoomba - while were gathering input from agencies for the covering brief on the Aimee McVeigh, QCOSS response about using Wellcamp to address demand in Toowoomba.

Social housing dwellings and need in Toowoomba (electorate data as at 30 June 2021)

The below will be a bit indicative: it's 30 June 2021 data and based on electorates. We imagine that the data that DCHDE provides for the QCOSS response brief will be based Housing Service Centre catchments and may be more recent, so expect to see different figures in the brief. Nevertheless, this should still provide a ballpark sense of demand for now:

Electorate	Toowoomba North	Toowoomba South
Number of applications on the Housing Register eligible for long term social housing	346	335
Number of all social rental housing dwellings	1,031	749
Total number of households assisted in social rental housing	1098	788

Housing and Homelessness Action Plan (HHAP) 2021-25 build in Toowoomba

The HHAP includes commitments to commence 6,365 social homes statewide by 30 June 2025 under the Queensland Housing Investment Growth Initiative.

2,765 of these homes will be build under the QuickStarts Queensland capital program (traditional capital works). These homes have been allocated regionally. In the Darling Downs region, the Government has committed to commencing 100 new homes by 30 June 2025, with a total investment of \$32.5 million. At 30 June 2022, 31 of these homes have been commenced.

The additional 3,600 homes are to be delivered under the Housing Investment Fund, with location to be determined by the proposals the market brings to Government.

## Social Housing Design Guidelines

I've also attached a copy of the social housing design guidelines. This is a publicly available document produced by DCHDE. We've come across it in responding to correspondence in the past. It's a really useful explainer of what the Queensland Government aims for when we are building social housing.

As the guidelines illustrate, the Government aims to deliver quality housing in quality locations that meet the needs of tenants and allow them to access and participate in the economy and community (connections to services, transport, work, education etc.). This ties in with the 'housing with support' approach that came up in your discussions at the Housing Service Centre and the stated objective of the Queensland Housing Strategy 2017 to 2027, that "every Queenslander has access to a safe, secure and affordable home that meets their needs and enables participation in the social and economic life of our prosperous state."

I trust this helps.

I look forward to catching up with you on Friday.

Good luck with Estimates.

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David



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**To:** Tam van Alphen  
**Subject:** RE: 4.15pm Social housing

Hi Tam

Dotter on Wellcamp as discussed. Any questions, just let me know.

Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(b) Cabinet considerations

- Opportunity to explore using the facility for temporary emergency accommodation for vulnerable Queenslanders
- Pros
  - Demonstrates an immediate response to concerns in the housing portfolio where demand continues to significantly outstrip supply
  - Due to the facilities design, it can be divided into quadrants and used for other purposes, such as if a health need is identified in the future
  - Unused funding available to ensure it is fit-for-purpose to accommodate vulnerable Queenslanders – funding would be handed back to Treasury if de-commissioned
  - If successful, could be a model suitable for Pinkenba
- Cons
  - Requires some minor works to be fit-for-purpose (could be completed within weeks)
  - Requires wrap around services given the vulnerable nature of the individuals who would inhabit it (GP services, mental health, alcohol and other drug services, disability services etc)
- Lease on Wellcamp has a hard end date in April 2023, giving the Government the option to renegotiate or not renew at that point.

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**Sent:** Monday, 18 July 2022 5:09 PM  
**To:** Melissa Hallam; Tam van Alphen; Danielle Cohen; Barnaby Kerdel; Hamish Bessant; Kate Whittle  
**Subject:** 4.15pm Social housing  
**When:** Wednesday, 20 July 2022 4:15 PM-5:15 PM (UTC+10:00) Brisbane.  
**Where:** Minister's boardroom, Lvl 33



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**From:** Hamish Bessant  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 20 July 2022 9:55 AM  
**To:** Tam van Alphen  
**Subject:** RE: MEETING | Premier to meet with Minister Leeanne Enoch and ADG Michael Carey re Social Housing - POLICY | Tam/Hamish  
**Attachments:** AGENDA.docx

Hi Tam

Attached are the dotters for the CoS meeting. Happy to brief you on my conversations with DC and MH ahead of the meeting.

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Hi Tam

This evening DPC provided an updated brief on social housing in Inala

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Additionally, I'm conscious we're catching up with the CoS' later tomorrow. I'll prepare for you and I some dotters for that conversation as well.

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**Cc:** David Lee; Emily Kerekes; Ellen Pearson; Jim Murphy; Jon Persley

**Subject:** MEETING | Premier to meet with Minister Leeanne Enoch and ADG Michael Carey re Social Housing - POLICY | Tam/Hamish

**When:** Wednesday, 20 July 2022 11:30 AM-12:00 PM (UTC+10:00) Brisbane.

**Where:** LOCATION | Premier's Boardroom, Level 41, 1WS

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# AGENDA

## COS MEETING – SOCIAL HOUSING

**Date** Wednesday, 20 July 2022 **Time** 16.15 – 17.15

**Place** Minister's Boardroom, Level 33, 1WS

### Agenda Item 1 Current state

- Record government investment in social and affordable housing
  - \$2.9 billion investment through the Housing and Harmlessness Action Plan 2021-2025
    - Includes the \$1 billion Housing Investment Fund
    - For 2022-23, \$441 million for new social homes and refurbishments
  - 2022-23 State Budget, \$16 million Immediate Response
  - 2022-23 State Budget, \$200 million essential infrastructure to unlock housing supply
- Rent increasing as much as 43 per cent since 2019, putting pressure on vulnerable Queenslanders
- Demand continues to outstrip supply, compounded by market pressures
- Opposition pressure increasing

### Agenda Item 2 Ways forward

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- Wellcamp and Pinkenba (State Development)
  - De-commissioned for health purposes
  - Opportunity to support short-term emergency accommodation (not long-term social housing)
  - Wrap around services needed (similar model for community housing)
  - Funding opportunities available within existing budget

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### **Agenda Item 3** Cross-portfolio coordination

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**To:** Kate Whittle  
**Cc:** Melissa Hallam  
**Subject:** RE: Fortnightly PO catch up | Housing  
**Attachments:** s.73 Irrelevant information

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**From:** Hamish Bessant  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 July 2022 5:05 PM  
**To:** Zoe Russell  
**Subject:** Wellcamp and Pinkenba

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As discussed:

- Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(b) Cabinet considerations
- Federal government waiting on our response regarding next steps for Pinkenba, but view is there is no present or expected health need
- Opportunity to explore using the facility for temporary emergency accommodation for vulnerable Queenslanders
- Pros
  - Demonstrates an immediate response to concerns in the housing portfolio where demand continues to significantly outstrip supply
  - Due to the facilities design, it can be divided into quadrants and used for other purposes, such as if a health need is identified in the future
  - Unused funding available to ensure it is fit-for-purpose to accommodate vulnerable Queenslanders – funding would be handed back to Treasury if de-commissioned
  - If successful, could be a model suitable for Pinkenba
- Cons
  - Requires some minor works to be fit-for-purpose (could be completed within weeks)
  - Requires wrap around services given the vulnerable nature of the individuals who would inhabit it (GP services, mental health, alcohol and other drug services, disability services etc)
- Lease on Wellcamp has a hard end date in April 2023, giving the Government the option to renegotiate or not renew at that point.

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