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Clarity needed on future of funding for remote Indigenous housing

Queensland's peak body for the housing and homelessness sector, Q Shelter, is concerned about media reports on the future of the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Housing (NPARH).

Today's media reports suggest the Commonwealth Government will end NPARH by 30 June 2018.

Q Shelter's President, Rachel Watson, said that Queensland's remote Indigenous councils would struggle to provide housing without a replacement funding program from the Commonwealth Government.

"We know that the current housing program has issues." Ms Watson said.

"It's heartbreaking to see so many remote Queenslanders living in overcrowded housing, but pulling funding from these communities is going to worsen the problem, not fix it."

"We understand the Commonwealth Government's frustration with the state of housing in these remote communities, but their own independent review highlights opportunities to change the way this housing is delivered and managed going forward." Ms Watson added.

Q Shelter is calling for urgent clarification from the Commonwealth Government on the future of funding for remote Indigenous housing.

"Our local Indigenous Councils just want to know if a replacement program is on the table" Ms Watson added.

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Queensland Shelter

Queensland Shelter is the state's peak body for the housing and homelessness sector.

Founded over thirty years ago, Queensland Shelter is a member-based organisation funded by the Queensland Government.

They work with both the state government and housing and homelessness sector to reform, grow, engage, and build the capacity of the housing and homelessness sector.

