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Dear Minister,

On behalf of the Boards of CHPs for QLD and Q Shelter, we write with regards to the Commonwealth Games Village.

**We are specifically interested to know if there is an opportunity to allocate a percentage of this development toward social and affordable housing.**

We understand that the Village, which includes State Government investment, features 1,252 permanent dwellings (1,170 apartments and 82 townhouses) as well as 7.3 hectares of green and open space, a community park, and landscaped environs. We also understand it is to be transformed to a mixed-use residential community and commercial Health and Knowledge Precinct with apartments and townhouses available for public rent in 2019.

CHPs for QLD and Q Shelter want to see a greater availability of safe and secure housing options for vulnerable Queenslanders.

Given that recent Census data has highlighted a 27% increase in homelessness on the Gold Coast; an allocation from this particular development toward social and affordable housing would help address local homelessness and underpin the Queensland Government's efforts to meet new housing targets under the *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017 - 2027*. It would also be a demonstration of genuine leadership to see people enduring social and economic disadvantage be provided with new life opportunities by becoming a part of this community.

We would like to meet at your earliest convenience to discuss this proposition and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

**Anne-Maree Keane**



Chair  
CHPs for QLD

Yours sincerely

**Rachel Watson**



Chair  
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cc. Hon Mick de Brenni, Minister for Housing and Public Works, Minister for Digital Technology and Minister for Sport  
Hon Dianne Farmer, Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence.

**Note:**

CHPs for QLD is the independent industry body representing CHP members throughout Queensland.

Q Shelter was established over thirty years ago, and is the state-funded peak body for community housing and homelessness services in Queensland.