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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 (NPRH).

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

Q Shelter's President, Rachel Watson, said there's been major achievements from the program, including a reduction in overcrowding and improved management of better quality housing, however more needed to be done.

Ms Watson also said that Queensland's remote communities would struggle to provide housing without a replacement funding program from the Commonwealth Government.

"It's heartbreaking to see so many remote Queenslanders living in overcrowded and sub-standard housing and there is a real need for this funding and support to continue." Ms Watson said.

"The Commonwealth Government's own review highlights opportunities to get better outcomes from the program, but there is an urgent need for certainty that funding will continue."

Q Shelter is calling for on the Commonwealth Government to clarify the future of funding arrangements for remote Indigenous housing.

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