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## **Rents remain unaffordable for lower income households in Brisbane, despite continued improvement in affordability**

Queensland's peak body for the housing and homelessness sector, Q Shelter, says the latest Rental Affordability Index shows that despite improving affordability across Brisbane, affordable rent is still frustratingly out of reach for low to moderate income Queenslanders.

Q Shelter's Executive Director, Leone Crayden, said that without more affordable housing, a significant number Queenslanders would continue to struggle in the rental market.

"Despite new housing supply in the Brisbane market, working families with children, students, young people and low-income households continue to be stuck in rental stress." Ms Crayden said.

"It's great to see more housing available in Brisbane, but we have to make sure that enough of the housing is affordable or we'll just end up entrenching young people, pensioners, and low-income households in rental stress."

You can find an interactive map highlighting these figures here - [https://www.sgsep.com.au/maps/2017/RAI\\_Nov17-EMBARGOED/](https://www.sgsep.com.au/maps/2017/RAI_Nov17-EMBARGOED/)

**Q Shelter's Executive Director, Leone Crayden, is available for interview this week.**

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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.

