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Q Shelter welcomes ALP commitment to fund remote housing in Queensland

Q Shelter has welcomed an announcement by the Australian Labor Party to address overcrowding in Queensland's remote communities.

Q Shelter's Executive Director, Fiona Caniglia, said it was great news for remote communities who had seen more jobs, training, health, and education outcomes as a result of previous Commonwealth and State investment in remote housing.

"We're delighted to see Labor commit \$251 million for Queensland, Western Australia, and South Australia to address overcrowding in remote communities while they work with States and Territories on a long-term plan for remote housing." Ms Caniglia said.

Labor also announced that they would work with States and Territories to develop an ongoing partnership to tackle the issue of overcrowding, as part of the Closing the Gap Refresh.

"Access to housing is critical if we're going to have a chance at closing the gap in health, education, and employment across Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities" Ms Caniglia said.

"It's time for all Parties to step up and match this announcement on remote housing."

In 2018, the Queensland State Government announced \$145M in their 18/19 State Budget as part of the Premier's commitment of \$1.08B over 10 years and an additional \$40M in 2019 for modest remote housing spend while negotiations continued with Commonwealth.

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Queensland Shelter

Queensland Shelter Inc. (Q 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.