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“Build to Rent” key to long-term housing affordability in Brisbane

Queensland’s peak body for the housing and homelessness sector, Q Shelter, says that ‘Build to Rent’ pilot housing models are essential as long-term affordable housing options for key workers in Brisbane.

Q Shelter’s Executive Director, Fiona Caniglia, said that housing supply through ‘build to rent’ projects is vital as it provides stable rental options for a low to medium income workers.

“We support investment in well-located affordable housing that provides people with access to public transport, education, and work opportunities.” Ms Caniglia said.

“When there’s a lack of affordable housing options across inner and middle suburbs, key workers are pushed into areas with fewer services, infrastructure challenges and barriers to education and training.” Ms Caniglia added.

Ms Caniglia said that the impacts of COVID-19 highlighted the value of providing well-located accommodation options for essential workers in health, retail, hospitality and human service sectors. ‘Build to rent’ improves security of tenure as well as access to employment, transport and other services.

“Now more than ever, we need to recognise the value in providing affordable housing options for key workers in Brisbane. The end result improves lives while also achieving economic stimulus through construction activity”.

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