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More social housing investment for Central Queensland

Nearly \$40 million will be spent building 113 homes in one of the biggest social housing investments in Central Queensland's history.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga the new homes will be constructed over the next four years, with expressions of Interest for community housing providers is to be released this month.

In response to a Question on Notice asked in Parliament by Ms Lauga, the Minister for Communities and Housing Leanne Enoch has confirmed a \$39.9 million investment in social housing in Central Queensland over the next four years.

"This investment is part of QuickStarts Qld, a component of the Queensland Housing Growth Initiative (QHIGI) and will support more than 125 full-time equivalent jobs in the region," Ms Lauga said.

"This injection builds on the 64 new social homes already commenced in Central Queensland under the *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017–2027* and the Works for Tradies program.

"We already have 679 social housing homes in the Keppel Electorate, and we know more are needed, which is why I am pleased to see this additional targeted investment for Central Queensland," Ms Lauga said.

Minister Enoch said through the Queensland Government's new *Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021-2025*, the Palaszczuk

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Government is investing \$2.9 billion across Queensland, including the establishment of a \$1 billion Housing Investment Fund.

“This is the largest concentrated investment in social housing in Queensland’s history,” Ms Enoch said.

Minister Enoch said across Queensland, the supply of social and affordable housing will increase by almost 10,000 over the first eight years of the Housing Strategy, including 7400 new homes over the next four years.

“This targeted four-year investment will help more vulnerable Queenslanders into homes sooner,” Ms Enoch said.

For more information on the Queensland Housing and Homelessness Action Plan 2021-2025, visit

<https://www.chde.qld.gov.au/about/strategy/housing/housing-and-homelessness-action-plan-2021-2025>

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