



Common Ground Queensland Congratulate Queensland Government for commitment to developing Ivory Street, Fortitude Valley

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Common Ground Queensland would like to congratulate the Queensland Government, Premier Steven Miles and Minister for Housing Meaghan Scanlon on their recent announcement to deliver housing solutions on a site at Ivory Street, Fortitude Valley.

As Queensland's only purpose-built supportive housing provider, Common Ground Queensland is pleased to see that supportive housing has been identified as one of the solutions that has been explored as a large-scale development option for the site.

Common Ground Queensland, together with the Fortitude Valley community, have been advocating for supportive housing and a Common Ground model, similar to the one at South Brisbane, at this site for a number of years.

Common Ground Queensland partners with Micah Projects to operate Queensland's only purpose-built supportive housing building using the Common Ground model. Brisbane Common Ground is a 14-storey apartment building situated in Hope Street, South Brisbane and has been operating for more than 12 years. Brisbane Common Ground provides 146 units of affordable studio and one-bedroom apartments for people who have experienced chronic homelessness and people on low incomes.

The Common Ground model of supportive housing integrates permanent, safe and affordable housing with tailored support services, to enable people to address the challenges they experience that contributed to their homelessness.

Common Ground Queensland CEO, Sue Pope, also acknowledges the commitment from the Queensland Government in the newly released Housing for Queenslanders plan to develop a framework and policy for supportive housing in Queensland and says:

"Committing to work with the sector to develop a policy and framework to guide investment in supportive housing will be critical to ensure that we are able to meet the needs of Queenslanders who are experiencing homelessness."

"Supportive housing is an essential part of the housing solution if we are serious about ending homelessness in Queensland."

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