



## **Common Ground Queensland Congratulate Queensland Government for Recognising Supportive Housing in the new *Homes for Queenslanders* Housing Plan**

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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 *Homes for Queenslanders* housing plan that was announced today.

Common Ground Queensland are delighted to see that supportive housing has been recognised under pillar five of the new housing plan – *Work Towards Ending Homelessness*.

The *Homes for Queenslanders* housing plan acknowledges that:

“Safe and secure housing isn’t just about the physical roof over a person’s head – it’s also about wraparound support that addresses the complex reasons a person becomes homeless.”

The Queensland Government has committed to a new supportive housing policy and framework, developed in consultation with frontline services, to guide investment into the future.

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 11 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, says that this announcement is welcomed by the sector.

“Supportive housing is an important and essential component of a housing and homelessness response if Queensland is serious about ending homelessness”.

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