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Mr Malcom Roberts & Mr Romlie Mokak  
Commissioners  
Housing and Homelessness Agreement  
Productivity Commission  
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Dear Mr Roberts and Mr Mokak,

### **LGAQ Submission: National Housing and Homelessness Agreement Review**

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the Productivity Commission on the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA) Review and the Issues Paper that was released in December 2021.

Although the NHHA is an agreement between the Australian Government and the State/Territory Governments, the impacts of the housing challenges are most acutely felt at a local level and many Queensland regions and local communities are continuing to experience an array of housing challenges despite countless government inquiries and reforms over the past decade.

As the tier of government closest to the community, councils in every corner of Queensland have first-hand experience of the devastating impacts of the lack of available, affordable and adequate housing. Local governments also recognise the housing challenges facing Queensland regions are diverse, multi-faceted and complex, many of which have been exacerbated by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020 as well as recent natural disasters such as the floods of 2022.

Importantly, there is no one-size-fits-all housing solution, and it is critical that responses can be tailored to local circumstances that equally meet the needs of regional, rural and remote areas, high growth centres, and First Nations communities. However, national leadership is required.

In March 2022, the LGAQ publicly released a *Local Government Housing Advocacy Action Plan* on behalf of Queensland's 77 local governments, calling on the State and Federal Government to commit to six key actions to begin to conquer the housing crisis. The Plan also seeks an ongoing dialogue with State and Federal Governments to develop a range of other housing solutions through a National Housing Summit and National Housing Strategy.

In total, the LGAQ has made 11 key recommendations and included supporting commentary throughout this submission.

Please do not hesitate to contact Crystal Baker, Lead – Planning and Development  
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submission.

Your sincerely

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