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RE: National Housing and Homelessness Plan Bill 2024

The Central Queensland Housing and Homelessness Alliance (CQHHA) wish to add our support to the above Bill and recommend its passage through the Parliament.

The CQHHA have long called for a National Housing and Homelessness Plan as a key driver of policy around housing and homelessness and to ensure a unified and holistic approach across the country.

This bill would legislate a 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan, providing the opportunity for overarching policy decisions that will effectively address housing issues and reduce homelessness rates and move away from short-term, band aid solutions.

We commend the human rights focus of the Bill and its intent to mandate regular effectiveness reviews of each National Housing and Homelessness Plan. We also commend the Bills commitment to ensuring the National Housing and Homelessness Plan is outcomes focused.

We particularly support the inclusion of a National Housing and Homelessness Advocate to review housing issues, provide advice to the Minister, raise awareness of housing issues and monitor the implementation of the Plan.

CQHHA members recognise that this Bill alone is not a solution to our ongoing housing and homelessness crisis but is one key tool that policy makers have to work towards a better and fairer housing system and ending homelessness.

We strongly encourage all members of our national Parliament to support this Bill.

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Chair

