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Dear Mr Laurie

Neil

I refer to Petition 4146-24 regarding the real estate interests of members of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland.

Chapter 4 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* (the Act) establishes a statutory requirement for a Register of Members' Interests (the Register) and Schedule 2 of the *Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly* (Standing Orders) sets out the administrative arrangements for the register, and the particulars of interests that must be disclosed.

As outlined in Standing Orders, the purpose of the Register is to place on the public record any pecuniary or other relevant interests of a Member of Parliament (MP) which may give rise to a conflict of interest, or a perception of a conflict of interest between a MP's private interests and the public interest. The Register seeks to provide information which might be thought by others to affect a MP's public duties, or to influence their actions in the Legislative Assembly.

Section 7(1)(e) of Schedule 2 of Standing Orders requires members to disclose any real estate in which they have an interest, including the purpose for which the property is used. Therefore, members of the Legislative Assembly are currently subject to stringent public disclosure requirements in relation to any real estate that they hold.

With regard to the principal petitioner's comments about housing and rental properties, and the former government's 2023 response to Petition 3952-23 about holiday rentals, I can advise that this Government has a comprehensive plan to turn the tide on the housing crisis and deliver one million new homes statewide over the next two decades through the Securing Our Housing Foundations plan.

Delivering more supply sooner is crucial, through a range of measures, including better planning and land release, more effective collaboration with local governments, and investment in the infrastructure needed to build more homes.

This Government will work with councils to streamline housing approvals and scale up the number of homes approved by 25 per cent over the next five years. New housing developments will be kickstarted through a new \$2 billion housing infrastructure investment fund, with a minimum of \$1 billion of the fund to be invested in regional communities. The Government will also work with councils to build service connections, lighting, roads and parks in new housing developments, and ensure new homes are not delayed.

Home ownership will be boosted, with the Government abolishing transfer duty on new homes for first home owners and launching a shared equity program to help 1000 Queenslanders to purchase a home with as little as a two per cent deposit.

Queenslanders who choose to rent will also be supported. The Government will unlock untapped rental supply by ensuring first home buyers can rent out a room in their first year of home ownership and still access grants and concessions. Queensland renters will have the opportunity to save up to \$700 a year in electricity costs as grants are rolled out for solar panels on rental homes.

We will also work to ensure that vulnerable Queenslanders have access to housing, delivering 53,500 new social and community homes by 2044, including 10,000 new homes on church- and charity-owned land. Furthermore, we will work with the community housing sector to unlock and supercharge its potential to deliver more social and community housing supply for Queenslanders.

Through these efforts, this Government will ensure that access to an affordable home, whether for purchase or for rent, is back within the reach of ordinary Queenslanders across all corners of the State.

I hope this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Crisafulli', followed by a stylized flourish.

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PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR VETERANS