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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your email of 20 February 2025 regarding petition *4198-25 Residences not used for residential purposes*, received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 18 February 2025.

The petition suggests a tax should be levied at 100 per cent of the property value each year for any residential property not used full time for residential purposes.

I recognise the genuine concerns of petitioners and the wider community about housing availability and affordability.

The Crisafulli Government is taking comprehensive action to increase the supply of housing in Queensland. The Government's *Securing our Housing Foundations Plan* will deliver a place to call home for more Queenslanders by delivering one million new homes by 2044, including an additional 53,500 social and community housing dwellings.

The Government has already taken our first steps towards achieving these goals. In particular, the Government recently abolished a tax on Queenslanders purchasing a home, by exempting all first home buyers from stamp duty on new purchases. This is the first time that a major tax has been abolished in Queensland since 1977 and represents a significant step to improving the availability of housing for first home buyers. The Crisafulli Government has also recently passed legislation to allow home buyers to rent out part of their property without losing their concessions, making home ownership more affordable and providing additional capacity in the rental market.

The Government is focused on unlocking land for new housing, building better communities, boosting home ownership, easing pressure on rents and helping vulnerable Queenslanders put a roof over their head. The Cabinet Housing Ministerial Taskforce has been established to drive the delivery of these outcomes.

As Queensland's first ever Minister for Home Ownership, I am committed to ensuring Queensland is a place of aspiration and opportunity, where home ownership is realistic and attainable.

To this end, the Government will also introduce a shared equity program to support first home buyers in Queensland. As part of this scheme, the government will provide greater access to home ownership for every Queenslander, by closing the deposit gap for many.

In addition to these measures, the Government has also passed legislation to establish a revitalised, independent Queensland Productivity Commission (QPC).

The first task of the QPC will be to undertake an inquiry into the factors driving productivity in the Queensland construction sector and make recommendations for reform to improve productivity without compromising quality and safety outcomes. A productive building and construction sector is critical to delivering the homes and supporting infrastructure our growing state needs.

With the Crisafulli Government initiating a wide range of actions to deliver more homes, the introduction of the measure requested by petitioners is not being considered.

A concerted effort is needed by all levels of government to effectively address the issue of housing availability and affordability in Queensland. Our government is committed to addressing this issue and ensuring that every Queenslander has a place to call home.

I thank the petitioners for taking the time to raise this matter and trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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