

ADVOCATING FOR

HOUSING SOLUTIONS

IN THE GLADSTONE REGION



Every person deserves to have a roof over their head and a safe place to call home. These basic provisions remain fundamental to economic and social wellbeing outcomes.

The region is facing housing availability, affordability, and accessibility challenges, including:

- inadequate supply of housing options;
- lack of affordable housing options;
- limited access to temporary, emergency or crisis accommodation;
- increase in cost-of-living pressures.

Gladstone Regional Council takes our role in advocating and enabling improved housing outcomes and supply for our region, seriously.

“ *Every person should have access to a safe, secure and affordable home that meets their needs and enables participation in the social and economic life of our great region.* **”**

Mayor Matt Burnett

WE ARE CALLING ON THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO...

- 1** Reinstate or replace the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) funding to ensure residents living in these homes are not displaced.
- 2** Unlock empty, unused or abandoned properties to increase existing supply.
- 3** Ensure rental subsidy programs are accessible and meeting needs.
- 4** Lessen the administrative burden for accessing funding and navigating changing legislation.



65,302

residents in the Gladstone Region



581

individuals/351 households in the Gladstone Region on the Qld Social Housing Register (as at June 2023)



1.7

years average time spent on the Qld Social Housing Register (as at June 2023)



5800

households in Central Queensland with unmet housing needs (2021)



AS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WE WILL FOCUS ON...

- Supporting access to infrastructure and land.
- Identifying land for potential housing developments.
- Prioritising attraction, retention and liveability of the region.
- Reviewing and updating our Planning Scheme.
- Partnering with all levels of Government and community stakeholders to deliver the Gladstone Region Local Housing Action Plan.
- Working with local developers and builders to advocate for solutions to the challenges they face.



SUPPORT IS NEEDED TO HELP SOLVE THE HOUSING CRISIS!

OUR REGION DESERVES...

- ✓ Access to emergency, crisis and temporary accommodation when it is needed.
- ✓ Access to affordable housing options locally.
- ✓ Reduced hardship and homelessness in the region.
- ✓ Stable and sustainable housing options.
- ✓ Greater availability, diversity, and quality of housing in the region to support liveability, resilience and social and economic growth and prosperity.



The Gladstone Region is crucial in the nation's transition to renewable energy and the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan.

Without adequate housing and liveability factors, regional areas will not be able to attract or retain the workforce needed for the energy transition to renewable based energy, a considerable risk to the State Government's renewable energy targets.



**CAN YOU
HELP?**

**Information provided is based on the Queensland Government Open Data Portal and A blueprint to tackle Queensland's housing crisis - City Futures Research Centre. While care has been taken to ensure all content is complete and accurate, Gladstone Regional Council provides no guarantee that this report is without error.*