

THE TOWN OF NOWHERE



- **22,000 Queenslanders** sleep rough every night. But homelessness doesn't necessarily mean sleeping on the streets. It could be crashing on couches night after night, living in a car or tent, or staying in severely crowded housing.
- **80 per cent of Queensland** is experiencing extremely low rental vacancy rates, contributing to many people facing homelessness for the first time in their lives.
- 26,397 families – **or 47,036 people** – are on Queensland's social housing register. This represents a 68.5 per cent increase since 2017.
- The **leading cause of homelessness for women** is family and domestic violence. For these women and their children, access to secure, affordable housing is critical – their safety depends on it.
- **42 per cent** of Australians who are assisted by specialist homelessness services have experienced family and domestic violence. This includes young people who are escaping perpetrators alone.
- Children aged 0 to 17 represent **one third** of Queenslanders assisted by specialist homelessness services. **Almost half** (49 per cent) of Queenslanders assisted are aged between 0 and 24.
- Queenslanders who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander are **seven times more likely** to be homeless than non-Indigenous people. One in three Queenslanders assisted by specialist homelessness services are Indigenous.
- **One in four** Queenslanders assisted by specialist homelessness services (10 and over) have been identified as having a mental health issue.
- A \$4.1 billion investment in social housing would build **14,700 homes for those most in need.**

Information sourced from Queensland Council of Social Service, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (2019-20 data) and Queensland Family and Child Commission (2018).

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