

Housing and Public Works Annual Report 2024–25

Government bodies

The following bodies were active during 2024–25 with reporting arrangements to the department. Additional information on government bodies is available on the department's website, www.housing.qld.gov.au/news-publications/annual-report.

Brisbane Housing Company Ltd (BHC)

Act or instrument	<i>Housing Act 2003</i> - Shareholders Agreement (First Amendment) dated 11 November 2014 - Constitution of Brisbane Housing Company Limited (Second Amendment) dated 25 November 2014
Functions	A not-for-profit organisation that delivers and manages affordable housing and mixed tenure developments that incorporate elements of social housing, National Rental Affordability Scheme, market for sale product, retail and commercial space.
Achievements	Key achievements for 2024–25 include: - The department has supported BHC to progress with the development of 75 units at Yeronga and 47 units at Capalaba. - In addition, through the Queensland Housing Investment Fund (HIF), the state has partnered with the BHC and QIC Consortium to commence approximately 600 units of accommodation. Construction has commenced at five locations including Chermside, Redcliffe, Stones Corner, Southport and Woolloongabba and 34 social and affordable homes were delivered in Chermside in 2024–25.
Financial reporting	BHC is an Australian Public Company limited by shares. In 2002, the state established BHC as a vehicle to deliver affordable accommodation in Brisbane. While BHC is established as an independent company at arm's length to the state, to ensure it retains its charitable status, the state owns two of the three shares issued in the company, with the remaining share held by Brisbane City Council. BHC must seek approval from the state to make changes to the organisation's Constitution and shareholders protocol, which restricts BHC's use of funds to its charter to deliver affordable accommodation. BHC is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) as a large charity and is a Public Benevolent Institution endorsed to access the Goods and Services Tax (GST) concession, Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) exemption and Income Tax exemption. BHC is also endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR). BHC produces consolidated General Purpose Financial Statements as required by the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> and the <i>Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012</i>. BHC's financial accounts are exempt from audit by the Queensland Auditor-General. Instead, BHC's financial accounts are independently audited by Grant Thornton Audit Pty Ltd. In accordance with its Shareholders' Agreement, BHC must provide copies of its audited balance sheet, profit and loss account, and any other information relating to the business or financial condition of BHC to its shareholders. Each year the Queensland Treasury Corporation is formally instructed to complete a financial viability review of BHC. QTC's findings are provided to the Minister of Housing and Public Works and the Queensland Treasurer, in accordance with the Shareholding Protocol. BHC's 30 June 2024 financial statements highlights include:

	- Annual turnover from rental operations \$20.1 million, up 5.9% from the previous year. - Operating performance is considered stable and supported by a large wholly owned housing portfolio and strong support from the government through government grants. - Net asset position of \$501 million is largely represented by property assets, 17% increase from the previous year’s position. - Liquidity is considered adequate with the business generating an operating cash surplus of \$4.0 million in 2023 and \$3.2 million in 2023.				
Remuneration:					
Position	Name	Meetings/ sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub- committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Independent Chair	Eloise Atkinson	12	\$24,635		\$24,635
Director	Julie Heckenberg	11	\$12,318	\$2,463	\$14,781
Director	Kirsty Smith	11	\$12,318	\$2,463	\$14,781
Director	Les Jones	11	\$12,318	\$2,463	\$14,781
Director	Matt Leyshon	10	\$12,318	\$2,463	\$14,781
Director	Geoff Woolcock	11	\$12,318		\$12,318
Director	Karla Fraser	11	\$12,318		\$12,318
Director	Katie Williams	10	\$12,318		\$12,318
Director	Stacey Ross	10	\$12,318		\$12,318
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	Ten regular board meetings plus two out of session meetings held on 13 December 2024 and 22 January 2025.				
Total out of pocket expenses	\$1,890				

Development Tribunals

Act or instrument	<i>Planning Act 2016</i>
Functions	The Development Tribunals provides an affordable, timely, accessible non-court-based service to resolve building and development appeals and appeals relating to enforcement notices, plumbing and drainage and water connection appeals. Each Tribunal for an appeal is comprised of between one and five members appointed by the Chief Executive, drawn from pool of 112 referees.
Achievements	In 2024–25 64 Development Tribunal appeals were finalised.
Financial reporting	Appeal fees and member remuneration payments are accounted for in the financial statements.
Remuneration:	
Remuneration	Chair • Sessional/meeting fees are based upon four-hour increments of \$325 when sitting on a tribunal as chair. • Most appeals are approximately eight hours in length resulting in a fee of \$650 when sitting on a tribunal as chair. • Some complex appeals are 12 hours in length resulting in a fee of \$975 when sitting on a tribunal as chair. Member • Sessional/meeting fees are based upon four-hour increments of \$250 when sitting as a member. • Most appeals are approximately eight hours in length resulting in a fee of \$500 when sitting as a member. • Some complex appeals are 12 hours in length resulting in a fee of \$750 when sitting as a member.
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	50
Total out of pocket expenses	\$1,804.26

Queensland First Nations Housing and Homelessness Partnership

Act or instrument	- National Agreement on Closing the Gap - National Agreement on Social Housing and Homelessness - Terms of Reference dated 18 March 2025				
Functions	The partnership will provide strategic direction and guide implementation of First Nations housing and homelessness reforms, policies and services. It has been established for two years as an interim body and will: - shape policy recommendations and investment decisions relating to First Nations housing and homelessness reforms, with a focus on positive impact and value - inform Queensland's participation in the Closing the Gap Housing Policy Partnership.				
Achievements	In 2024–25, the department established the partnership and the inaugural meeting was held in Brisbane on 18 March 2025.				
Financial reporting	The operating and administrative costs associated with the partnership are outlined in the financial statements of the Department of Housing and Public Works.				
Remuneration:					
Position	Name	Meetings/ sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub- committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Co- Chair	Chief Executive Officer, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland	1	NA	NA	NA
Co-Chair	Director-General, Department of Housing and Public Works.	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Member	Barry Harrison	1	\$1,000*	N/A	\$1,000
	Fiona Jose	1	\$1,000*	N/A	\$1,000
	Mary Doctor	1	\$1,000*	N/A	\$1,000
	Dr Sharon Harwood	1	\$1,000*	N/A	\$1,000
	Mick Gooda	1	\$1,000*	N/A	\$1,000
	Kieran Chilcott	0	\$1,000*	N/A	\$0
	Julie Saunders	1	\$1,000*	N/A	\$0
	Jason Field	0	\$1,000*	N/A	\$0
	Vonda Malone	1	\$1,000*	N/A	\$1,000
	Mayor Alf Lacey	1	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Deputy Director-General, Policy, Performance, and First Nations, DHPW	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
	General Manager, FNHH, Policy, Performance, and First Nations, DHPW	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	From 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, the Queensland First Nations Housing and Homelessness Partnership held one formal meeting on 18 March 2025.				
Total out of pocket expenses	A total of \$104.57 was claimed by panel members for out-of-pocket expenses.				

*Daily fee for non-government members.

Queensland Housing Supply Expert Panel

Act or instrument	The panel was first established in 2018 to provide independent, expert advice on how to manage land supply and associated issues in South East Queensland. In December 2022, a new panel was appointed with an expanded remit to provide advice on land and housing supply statewide. In May 2023, responsibility for the panel was transferred to the then Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works. The two-year term of the panel concluded on 27 December 2024.				
Functions	The Queensland Housing Supply Expert Panel provided independent expert advice and guidance to government on housing and land supply, affordability and diversity across Queensland.				
Achievements	The panel continued to provide advice on the development of the Growth Monitoring Program and the development of the transitional 2024 Land Supply and Development Monitoring reporting, as well as additional advice, guidance and support for: - the proposed affordable housing criteria to be included in the Regulation for the <i>Economic Development Queensland and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024</i> - the draft State Code for Secondary Dwellings to provide certainty of good design to support the delivery of more homes faster and the draft code’s consistency with the Distinctly Queensland Design Series - the Queensland Government’s continued advocacy to negotiate a dedicated housing agreement to support the delivery of Closing the Gap housing commitments, to reduce the deficit of social housing supply in Queensland’s remote First Nations communities.				
Financial reporting	The operating and administrative costs associated with the panel are outlined in the financial statements of the Department of Housing and Public Works.				
Remuneration					
Position	Name	Meetings/ sessions attendance	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub- committee fees if applicable	Actual fees received
Panel Chair	Julie Saunders	2	\$390 daily fee, or \$195 fee for meeting less than four hours	N/A	0
Panel Member	Antonia Mercorella	1	\$300 daily fee. or \$150 fee for meeting less than four hours	N/A	0
Panel Member	Guy Gibson	1			\$300
Panel Member	Matthew Ryan	0			0
Panel Member	Phillip Ransom	2			0
Panel Member	Sharon Harwood	1			\$150
Panel Member	Mary Doctor	1			\$150

Panel Member	Michael Fotheringham	1			0
Panel Member	Natalie Rayment	2			0
Panel Member	Tim Reardon	2			0
Panel Member	Darren Mew	2			\$300
Panel Member	Amy Degenhart	2			\$300
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	From 1 July 2024 to 27 December 2024 (when the panel concluded), the Queensland Housing Supply Expert Panel held: - one formal meeting on 13 September 2024 - one out-of-session meeting on 1 October 2024.				
Total out of pocket expenses	A total of \$129.50 was claimed by panel members for out-of-pocket expenses (including \$113.07 attributed to meetings attended in the 2023–24 financial year but processed in the 2024–25 financial year)				

Note: Fees received includes remuneration of \$450.00 for meetings attended in 2023–24 financial year but processed in the 2024–25 financial year.

Tripartite Procurement Advisory Panel

Act or instrument	The panel was established on 1 April 2022 for an initial period of three years. The appointment of members to the panel lapsed on 31 March 2025 while a compliance review was underway as part of the broader review of the Queensland Procurement Policy.				
Functions	The panel was established to provide the government with independent, expert advice on appropriate penalties for suppliers found to be non-compliant while under contract with the government.				
Achievements	Between 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025, the panel met twice in August 2024.				
Financial reporting	Panel member remuneration total is accounted for in the financial statements.				
Remuneration					
Position	Name	Meetings/ sessions attendance ¹	Approved annual, sessional or daily fee	Approved sub- committee fees ² if applicable	Actual fees received 1 July to 1 November 2024
Chair	John Thompson	0	\$650 daily	\$975	\$0
Deputy Chair	Jennifer McVeigh	2	\$650 daily	\$975	\$1950
Member	John Crittall	1	\$500 daily	\$750	\$750
Member	Stephen Nance	0	\$500 daily	\$750	\$0
Member	Shane Kennelly	1	\$500 daily	\$750	\$750
Member	Angela Liebke	0	\$500 daily	\$750	\$0
Member	Anne Milner	0	\$500 daily	\$750	\$0
Member	Jorgen Gullestrup	0	\$500 daily	\$750	\$0
Member	John Shenfield	0	\$500 daily	\$750	\$0
Member	Jason Stein	1*	\$500 daily	\$750	\$0
Member	Thomas Campbell	0	\$500 daily	\$750	\$0
Member	Graham Moloney	1	\$500 daily	\$750	\$750
No. scheduled meetings/sessions	No full panel meetings to communicate updates and seek advice on strategic challenges. Two panel (sub-committee) meetings to consider cases of alleged non-compliance and recommend penalties under the Ethical Supplier Mandate as necessary. * Advance payment for meeting attendance was made due to a duplicate remuneration claim being processed prior to 1 July 2024.				
Total out of pocket expenses	\$0				