

# New thinking in regional housing

A Queensland perspective

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# Context

- The *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017-2027* is delivered through multiple action plans
- Strategy outlines clearly the Queensland Government's commitment to making sure *all Queenslanders have a pathway to safe, secure and affordable housing*



# Supporting local housing responses



# Local Housing Action Plans

A local housing action plan (LHAP) is a plan prepared to support local housing outcomes.

- To improve **awareness** of drivers underpinning housing issues in individual local government areas.
- To encourage **action** to be taken by local governments to address such drivers over the short, medium and long-term.
- To build and maintain purposeful **relationships** with councils about strategic housing priorities and opportunities.

Targeted initial set of **priority actions across 8 themes** to respond to housing need that can improve housing responses in the short and longer-term.



## Queensland Housing Strategy 2021-2025 Local Housing Action Plan

Cloncurry Shire Council  
[www.cloncurry.qld.gov.au](http://www.cloncurry.qld.gov.au)

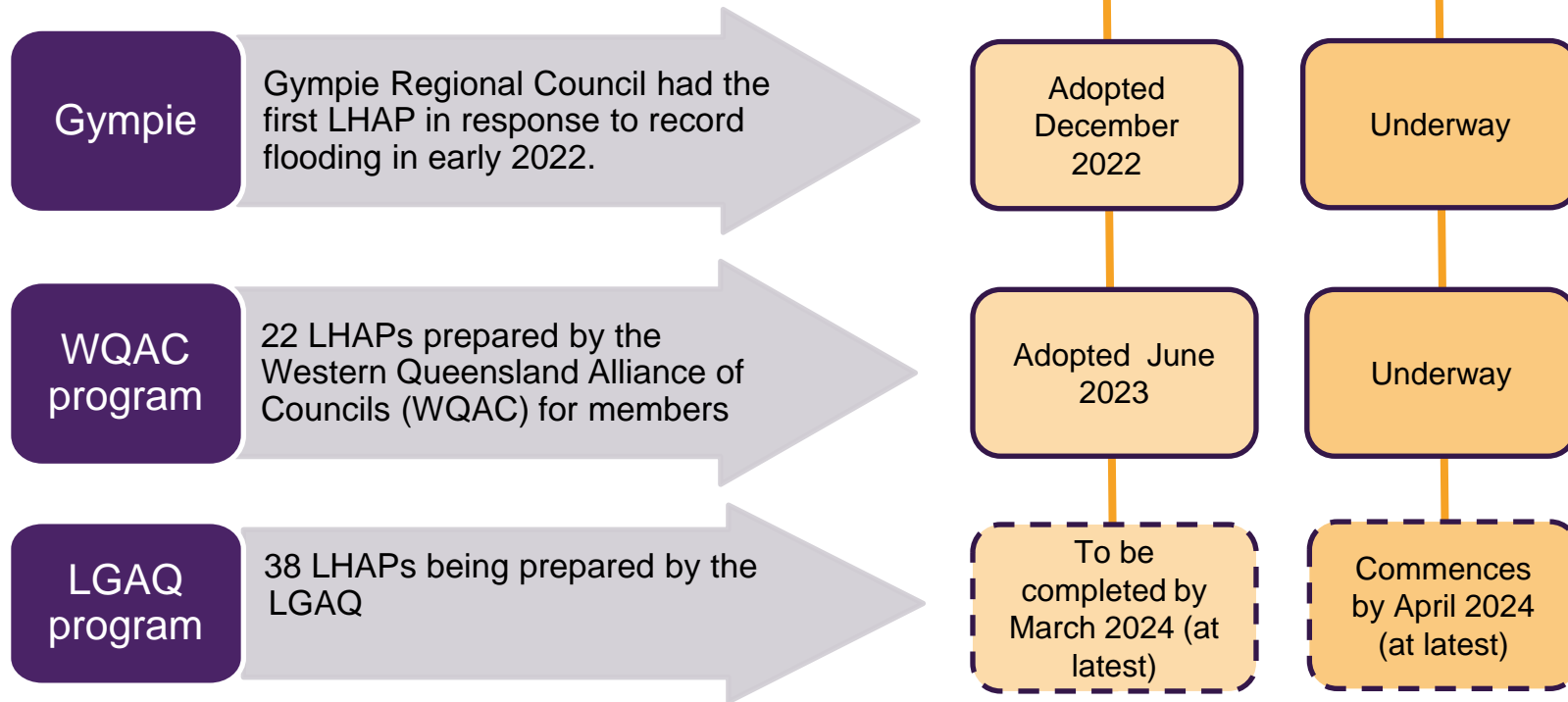
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# Eight key themes that underpin the LHAPs



# LHAPs across Queensland



# Key actions from the WQAC LHAPs

1. **Communicate and engage** with local communities about housing
2. Identify and address barriers to **housing supply and diversity** outcomes
3. Identify and deliver **housing solutions** on a site-by-site basis
4. Inform future **housing supply and demand planning** arising from local and regional economic drivers
5. Investigate the availability and use of **state land and buildings** for housing outcomes
6. Support councils to undertake **land and building audits** to identify residential opportunities
7. Coordinate delivery of **accommodation for government employees** to relieve pressure on local housing supply
8. Support **social and other supported housing outcomes**, including with Community Housing Providers (CHPs)
9. Explore avenues for **funding and financing** for land development, infrastructure and servicing
10. Leverage **planning and master planning** opportunities



# LHAP - Gympie Case Study

February 2022 - extreme rain event causes widespread flooding, damaging 655 houses including 191 with moderate to severe damage

Renewal of Gympie Caravan Park, emergency response for a total of 24 social housing dwellings (8 existing renewed + 16 relocated homes) and additional relocatable tiny homes; Reserve Land Repurposed



1  
News Queensland Gympie  
**Gympie Regional Council passes Queensland's first local housing plan to combat housing crisis**  
In a Queensland fire decision, Gympie Regional Council has taken a major step towards combating the growing housing crisis in the region. Read the label.

2  
Department of Housing and Gympie Shire Council work together to draft **Local Housing Action Plan** to support a strong disaster response and a future local housing outcomes

3  
Quickstarts Queensland:

- 10 x 1 bed 7 & 4 x 2 bed dwellings
- 10 relocatable homes on sites negotiated with Council

4  
Support: Funded Care co-ordination officer & local housing service centre staff

5  
Funded rental and head leasing support

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- Identify land opportunities
  - Engagement with HHF
  - Future social housing pipeline
  - Future subdivisions and land considerations

Future Capital works for housing, continued engagement on housing need, continuing implementation and renewal of LHAP actions



# Delivering rapid accommodation in regional areas



*Tiny home in the Gympie Rapid Accommodation Park*



*Five modular homes delivered to Roma and Cunnamulla last week, contracted through Hutchinson Builders*

More than 100 prefabricated homes to be delivered by the end of 2023, including 53 social homes and more government-employee homes