

DECLARATION OF APPLICATION FOR STATE FACILITATED DEVELOPMENT

9-17 Station Street, Toowoomba

The National Housing Accord is a landmark agreement to address one of our nation's biggest economic challenges: the supply and affordability of housing. The Accord requires 1.2 million new homes across Australia within five years. For Queensland this means around 240,000 additional new well-located homes must be built by mid 2029.

The Queensland Government's \$3.1 billion *Homes for Queenslanders* plan is the State's commitment to this task and to ensure that every Queenslanders has access to a safe, secure and affordable home.

A key initiative of the *Homes for Queenslanders* plan is the State Facilitated Development pathway – a new fast track development assessment pathway. Streamlined approval pathways have been specifically identified as a measure that each state must bring forward under the National Planning Reform Blueprint.

State Facilitated Development provides a pathway to faster decisions and resolution of planning and infrastructure issues to provide housing, including social and affordable homes.

The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Public Works has made a declaration under section 106D of the *Planning Act 2016* (Planning Act) to declare the relevant application described below to be an application for State Facilitated Development.

This proposal has locational attributes including, but not limited to, the proximity to a range of community services and employment opportunities available within the Toowoomba CBD, as well as other amenities such as the Grand Central Shopping Centre, the nearby Queens Park and Laurel Bank Park and Toowoomba North State School that makes it highly suitable for delivering more well-located homes for Queenslanders.

A summary of the State Facilitated Development is outlined below:

Site details	Site Address:	9-17 Station Street, Toowoomba Qld 4350
	Lot/Plan Description:	Lot 5 on RP16308 Lots 6-8 on RP16308 part of Lot 34 on RP214087 Lot 35 on RP214087 part of Lot 9 on SP298557
	Site Area:	2,136m ²
	Landowner:	Toowoomba Regional Council
	Local Government Area:	Toowoomba Regional Council
Application details	Development	Proposed Development Application for: Material Change of Use – Multiple Dwelling
	Key elements	The proposed development is a build to rent residential development. The development will comprise the following key elements:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx. 75 residential units • Dwelling typologies inclusive of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Studio ○ 1 Bedroom ○ 2 Bedroom • Building height of 6-7 storeys • Parking rates of approximately 0.5-1 car per unit • Parking provided over the first two levels, comprising approx. 55 on-site car parking spaces and 30 bicycle parking spaces. • The ground floor level includes an entry lobby, office and meeting room, bicycle and e-scooter storage as well as refuse bin storage areas. • Level 2 includes a communal landscaped courtyard area and common room.
Affordable Component	Housing	<p>The proposal includes an affordable housing component that equates to at least 15 percent of all dwellings and an Affordable Housing Management Plan will be finalised and conditioned as part of any approval granted by the Chief Executive.</p> <p>This plan will confirm the following affordability matters specific to the application, which may include but not be limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx 66 percent of total dwellings will be provided as social and affordable housing, this allocation is provided across studio, 1 and 2 bedroom dwelling typologies • Units are to be rented at a maximum of 74.9 percent of the market rent rate • Dwellings are to be managed by a registered Community Housing Provider • The affordable housing is to be maintained for a minimum period of 20 years from first occupancy.

Why has this relevant application been declared an application for State Facilitated Development?

- The proposal is for an urban purpose and will assist in the delivery of an identified priority for the state, being the delivery of housing.
- The application complies with the criteria prescribed by the Planning Regulation 2017, in that:
 - The proposed is for predominantly residential development.
 - The proposal includes an affordable housing component.
 - The affordable housing component is diverse in its make up (including type, tenure, bedrooms etc).
 - The land is zoned to support residential development or can be readily serviced by infrastructure.
- It is appropriate the Chief Executive assesses and decides the application.

What happens next?

As the relevant application has been declared an application for State Facilitated Development:

- The Chief Executive is to be responsible for assessing and deciding the application.
- An application that is not substantially different from the relevant application declared to be the application for State Facilitated Development must be made to the Chief Executive.
- The application must be made to the Chief Executive within 40 business days of the date of this notice.
- Chapter 3, Part 6A, Division 3 of the Planning Act applies for assessing and deciding the application made in accordance with the above requirements.

In accordance with section 106H of the Planning Act, when a declaration of an application for State Facilitated Development takes effect:

- (a) any decision on the application made by the decision-maker, including any deemed approval, stops having effect
- (b) any decision notice given by the decision-maker for the application stops having effect
- (c) any appeal against a decision on the application made by the decision-maker is discontinued and
- (d) if this declaration notice states the restarting point for the application—the process for administering the application starts again from the restarting point.

Who do I contact for more information?

For more information, please contact:

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