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Tropical North Queensland Housing Summit

In partnership with FNQ Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) and Torres Cape Indigenous Councils Alliance (TCICA)

Presented by Regional Development Australia Tropical North
MC – Sonja Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, RDA Tropical North

31 July 2024

PANEL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS with SLIDO

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WELCOME

Prof Hurriyet Babacan AM, Chair
RDA Tropical North



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we work and live.

We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

We celebrate the stories, culture and traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders of all communities who also work and live on this land.

GLENN MAGUIRE
Senior Economist and Portfolio Lead
for Regional Development

AEC Group

Based in Townsville and with over 30 years of experience as an economist in Asia and Australia across the public and private sectors, Glenn brings extensive expertise in economic analysis, strategic research, economic evidence creation and data-driven insights.



Presenting
Economic
Data and
Housing
Projections

RACHEL FEENEY
Acting Branch Manager of the
Housing and Homelessness Policy
Branch

Federal Government
Department of Social Services

Rachel's recent work has focused on the development of a National Housing and Homelessness Plan – involving extensive consultations online and around Australia.

Previously Rachel has worked in a number of Commonwealth departments including the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the then Department of Communications and the Arts, and the Department of Education.



Presenting on
the National
Agreement on
Social Housing
and
Homelessness

MIRANDA McEWAN

Director of Engagement

Federal Government
Dept of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development,
Communications and the Arts –
Housing Support Branch

The Housing Support Branch manages the \$1.5 billion Housing Support Program, which funds projects to increase housing supply and improve infrastructure. With over 13 years in the Australian Public Service, Miranda has a strong interest in social policy.

She previously served as Director of the Intergovernmental Policy Team in the Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Division at the Department of Health and Aged Care and worked in the Attorney-General's Department on legal assistance policies and programs.



Presenting on
the Federal
Government's
\$1.5b Housing
Support
Program

Tania Sheppard

Regional Director
Northern Region
Department of Housing, Local Government Planning
and Public Works

Tania Sheppard is the Regional Director for Northern Region for Housing within service delivery providing Housing and Homelessness services across Townsville, Mount Isa, Cairns, Mackay and surrounds.



Rebecca Kenny

Director
Capital, Strategy and Oversight
Social and Affordable Housing Growth
Department of Housing, Local Government Planning
and Public Works

Rebecca is the Director of Capital Strategy and Oversight in the Social Housing Growth division in Housing



MICHAEL COOTS Program Manager

Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office (RILIPO)

Michael Coots is Program Manager with the Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office, with Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts.

Michael is passionate about assisting QLD indigenous communities with greater access to information and in particular spatial information that empowers informed decision making.



Presenting on
RILIPO's master
planning
activities and
associated
barriers

BRETT NANCARROW **Manager (Planning)**

Queensland Dept of Housing, Local
Government, Planning and
Public Works

The FNQ planning office covers the area from the Cassowary Coast north to the Torres Strait and west to Croydon.

Brett is an urban and regional planner with over 20 years planning experience across local and state government and the private sector.

He leads a team implementing the State Assessment and Referral Agency, working with local governments on planning schemes, assisting in preparation of regional plans and implementing Queensland Government planning reform and programs in the region.



PETER NELSON

Director – MMC Strategy and Design QBuild

Queensland Dept of Housing, Local
Government, Planning and
Public Works

Peter Nelson has over 20 years' experience in Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urban Design across the public and private sectors.

Peter has helped deliver the Density and Diversity Done Well (Missing Middle) competition, 20 award winning social housing demonstration projects and more recently over 100 modular homes as part of the Modern Methods of Construction program (MMC).



Presenting on
QBuild's
Modern Methods of
Construction (MMC)
program and Rapid
Accommodation
and Apprentice
Centre (RAAC)

PANEL DISCUSSION and QUESTIONS

Facilitated by:

Craig Doyle, Chief Executive Officer

Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility

15 minutes

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Morning Tea Networking

20 minutes



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ANTHONY ARCHIE **Chief Executive Officer**

Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC)

Anthony is a respected finance and governance expert in Queensland's local government, with 18 years of experience. Holding a Bachelor of Commerce, an MBA, and an accredited CPA. He's acclaimed for his thesis on Local Government financial sustainability.

As FNQROC CEO, he champions regional collaboration, advocating for Far North Queensland's development and sustainability.



Presenting the
Local
Government
Housing
Action Plans

WAYDE CHIESA **Chief Executive Officer**

Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland

With over 25 years of experience in business, finance, and media, Wayde is also a qualified Chartered Accountant and has held senior positions at Townsville Enterprise, BHP, Incitec Pivot, Townsville City Council, and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

A North Queensland native, Wayde is committed to the region's growth, advocating for collaboration across all government levels to support local industries, projects, and infrastructure.

Under his leadership, RDA is involved in key projects across 14 Local Government Areas, focusing on workforce development, housing, and liveability, enhancing economic resilience and improving the region's liveability.



Presenting a
Local
Government
Modular
Housing
Solution

ED JOHNSON

Director of Planning, Growth and Sustainability

Cairns Regional Council

Ed is a passionate advocate for sustainable development and community improvement. He oversees planning assessment, compliance, development engineering, strategic planning, and local laws, ensuring effective policy implementation for regional growth.

Ed focuses on achieving Council's NetZero commitments by 2030 and planning for significant population growth by 2050.

As an active member of the development industry, he is dedicated to strengthening Council's industry partnerships and working with regional stakeholders to transform future challenges into opportunities.



Presenting
Cairns Regional
Council's
housing
initiatives

MICK MILLER **Executive Officer**

Torres and Cape Indigenous Council Alliance (TCICA)

TCICA represents 16 of the 17 Queensland Indigenous Shire Councils as well as the Cook Shire Council and Weipa Town Authority. Mick's key role is to advocate and lobby both State and Federal Government for funding to address Closing the Gaps targets, as well as better service delivery to improve the liveability of community members.

Mick has tertiary qualifications in Human Resource Management, Construction, Business and Project Management field. Mick is an experienced public servant with over 28 years service in both state and federal governments, prior to commencing with TCICA.



Presenting key
challenges
facing TCICA
communities

MATTHEW LEMAN

Lead – Planning and Development

Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQQ)

With more than 10 years of town planning experience - spanning the private sector, state government and local government in statutory and strategic planning roles, Matthew is passionate about housing, infrastructure, resilience, and sustainability.

He uses his role at the LGAQ to advocate for Queensland's 77 local governments.

He is also the Vice President of the Planning Institute of Australia, and is completing a PhD on housing affordability.



Presenting on
LGAQ's 6-point
Housing
Action Plan

PANEL DISCUSSION and QUESTIONS

Facilitated by:

Cr Lisa Scomazzon, Mayor

Douglas Shire Council

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MARK JENTZ **Area Manager, Mission Australia**

Cairns Housing and Homelessness Network (CHHN)

Mark is an Area Manager with Mission Australia in Cairns, and looks after the Homelessness Portfolio, which includes three homelessness programs, and an Alcohol and Other Drug Rehabilitation Service.

He is also the current chair of the Cairns Housing and Homelessness Network (CHHN), which aims to provide a forum for local organisations and stakeholders to work together to deliver coordinated, effective and innovative responses to issues of Housing and Homelessness.



Presenting the
Cairns Housing
and
Homelessness
Network
Initiatives

JAMES and SARAH MORT Directors and Co-founders

MiHaven

MiHaven is a B-Corp registered, social enterprise established in Cairns and has been operating since 2011.

The company's operations include construction, property development, community and disability housing, short to medium term accommodation, and operates a nationally recognised training school (RTO 40928).

Presenting
on
Student
Accommodation



PETER FRY **Executive Director**

Housing Industry Association (HIA) – North Queensland

Through HIA, Peter leads initiatives to support and advocate for builders, contractors, developers, and related businesses across the region. With over 25 years of experience in construction and housing, Peter covers a vast area from Central Qld to the Cape and west to the border.

He focuses on growth, innovation, policy development, and stakeholder engagement. Under his leadership, HIA North Queensland champions the housing sector, advocating for a resilient industry that meets community needs and supports a sustainable economy.



Presenting the
evolving
residential
building
landscape

JENNY BROWN

Education and Engagement Manager

Tenants Queensland

Tenants Queensland provides information on tenancy rights and responsibilities to tenants in North Queensland.

Jenny listens to renters' stories during the national housing crisis and uses her skills from managing and training Lifeline telephone counsellors to support them. Jenny's practical approach is reflected in her love for landscape gardening and landcare coordination.

She designed and delivered the Cairns Rental Industry Award Program, recognising exemplary tenants and lessors. Inspired by collaborative problem-solving, Jenny is presenting a co-housing idea, Sharing With Friends, at the housing summit today.

[Sharing with Friends: Affordable Co-Housing for Vulnerable Older Women](#)



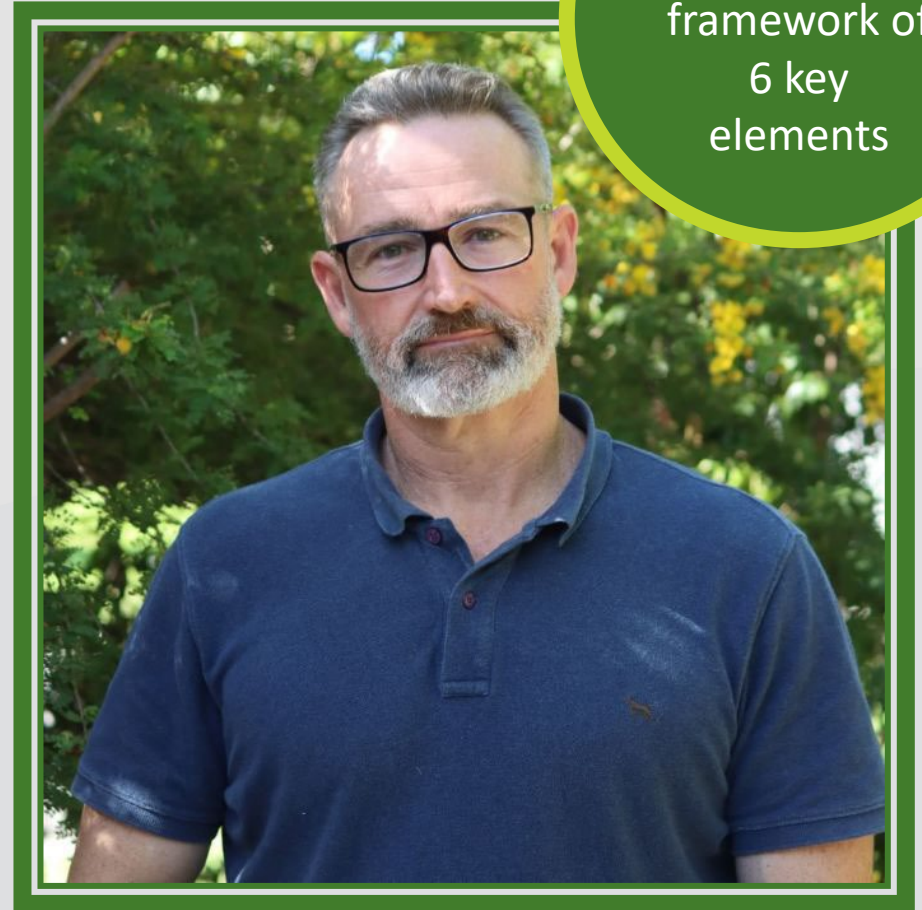
Presenting
‘Sharing with
Friends’ co-
housing
approach

Presenting
the Innovation
House
framework of
6 key
elements

DARREN FINLAY **Builder / Solution Seeker**

People Purpose Place

Since 2018, Darren's and his team at Innovation House have been focused on addressing the challenges of an aging population and housing affordability, leading to the establishment of People Purpose Place, a not-for-profit in 2022 as an organization dedicated to fostering collaborative housing solutions addressing affordability, care, and community rebuilding.



Presenting the
Greater
Whitsundays
Housing
Summit Action
Plan

TONIA WILSON Project Officer

Greater Whitsundays Housing Project

Tonia Wilson is project managing the Greater Whitsunday Housing Alliance Project based in Mackay. She has a career spanning over 30 years and 3 countries across many sectors and roles.

In this time, she has established 3 businesses demonstrating an entrepreneurial mindset, while also having worked in more formal corporate roles.

Qualified with a Bachelor of Business Science (Hons), an MBA, and more recently awarded the GAID, she brings a wealth of experience to her current roles as project manager, management consultant and board director.



PANEL DISCUSSION and QUESTIONS

Facilitated by:

Shane Trimby, Property Sales Agent

Cairns Property Shop

15 minutes

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Lunch Break and Networking

25 minutes



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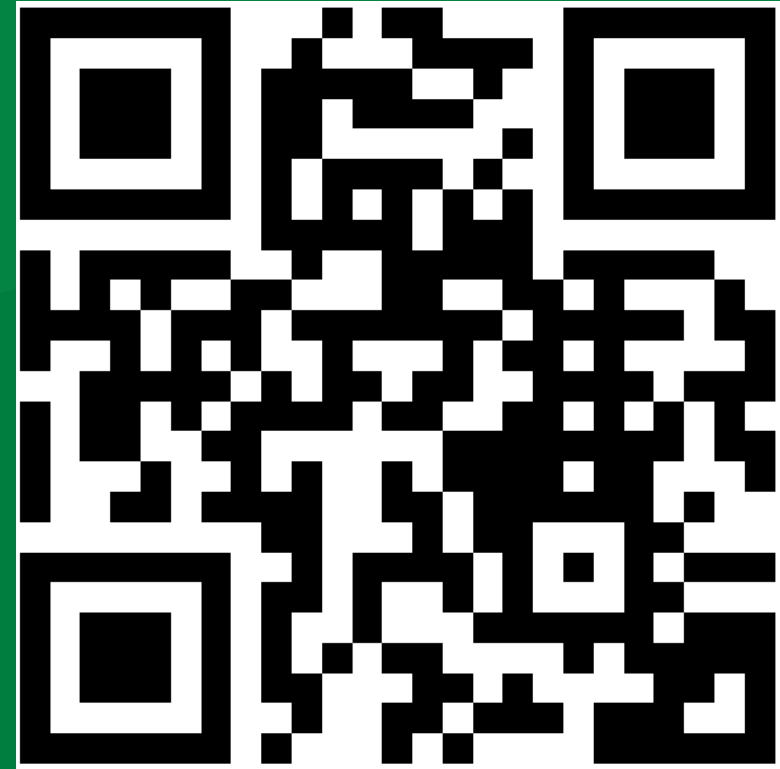


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Tropical Coast Indigenous
Councils Alliance Inc.

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WORKSHOP SESSION

Facilitated by:

Mike Chiodo

RDA Tropical North Board Member

45 minutes



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POLL OPTIONS

Initiative #1 Modular housing builds	Initiative #2 One Million new homes by 2046	Initiative #3 Cairns Regional Council Growth Directions	Initiative #4 Collaborative Housing Models
Initiative #5 Addressing Air BnB	Initiative #6 Regional Housing Grants	Initiative #7 Government Support for Student Accommodation (Developers)	Initiative #8 Bring Sharing with Friends to Cairns/TNQ
Initiative #9 Indigenous Communities Master Planning Support	Initiative #10 Incentives for Tier 1 CHS (Community Housing Service) providers	Initiative #11 Fast-track local planning scheme	Initiative #12 Accessibility to funding/finance (individual or developers)

WORKSHOP QUESTIONS....

1. How to address the demand for single-person and couples-with-no-children, dwellings?
2. What can we do about the residential properties (over 5,000) used as short-term accommodation?
3. How to address coordination amongst multiple state government departments that either directly or indirectly impact housing?
4. What can happen to address workforce housing?
5. What should happen to address the short supply of social housing and affordable housing?

SUMMARY and CLOSE

Facilitated by Michael Chiodo, RDA Tropical North Board Member



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