Housing Supply Expert Panel Communique

Monday 14 November 2022 - Meeting #16

Meeting Purpose

The Housing Supply Expert Panel (the panel) met formally for the sixteenth time on 14 November 2022. This was the final meeting for the panel's current appointment period and a renewed panel is to be formed in early 2023.

The focus of this meeting was to discuss the announcement of the South East Queensland Regional Plan (*ShapingSEQ*) update and the 2022 Land Supply and Development Monitoring (LSDM) Report.

ShapingSEQ Update Announcement

The panel discussed the forthcoming update of *ShapingSEQ* which will commence in 2023. On 20 October 2022, the Premier and Minister for the Olympics announced the update of *ShapingSEQ* as a key outcome from the Queensland Housing Summit. The panel was supportive of the update and provided commentary and ideas around what opportunities the update provides:

- The panel recognised the importance of the South East Queensland Regional Infrastructure Plan (RIP) in relation to the update of ShapingSEQ. It was noted that there is an important nexus between regional planning and infrastructure delivery, particularly in advance of the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- The demographic statistics of the 2021 census for South East Queensland (SEQ) points to the need for increased 'missing' middle housing typologies. The ShapingSEQ update provides an opportunity to revisit this concept.
- Reflecting on the SEQ flood events of 2021/22, the panel flagged the importance of exploring flood resilience aspects in the ShapingSEQ update.

Key Panel Advice:

- 1. Infrastructure plans need to work together with Regional plans to support growth.
- 2. Renewed focus on the 'missing' middle housing typologies is vital.
- **3.** Opportunity for contemporary flood resilience policy should be explored.

2022 Land Supply and Development Monitoring Report

Since 2018, the department has prepared and released an annual LSDM report to monitor residential and industrial development activity and land supply across SEQ to determine if policy objectives relating to growth management and desired settlement pattern under *ShapingSEQ* are being met.

The department presented the anticipated forward program for the LSDM, noting the incorporation of previous panel advice. The forward program aims to:

- Establish an interactive dashboard and website:
- Transition to more regular LSDM reporting and updates; and
- Develop the Regional Planning Model (RPM).

The foreword for the annual LSDM report falls within the remit of the panel. Reflecting on the past year, the panel discussed the potential content for the 2022 LSDM report.

This was the final meeting for the current panel, with their appointment ending on 6 December 2022. A new panel will be appointed early next year, with an extended scope to address statewide housing supply issues.

Comments from the Panel Chair, Julie Saunders:

As the term of the current Panel comes to a close, I'd like to thank all members for their commitment, contributions and insights that have shaped our advice to the Minister over the last four years. We have provided advice through the context of unprecedented times and valued the opportunity to provide independent advice. Thanks also to the secretariat for their ongoing support and commitment. I look forward to penning our last Forward for the annual LDSM and wish the new panel every success.

