**Queensland Government**

**Cabinet – September 2023**

**Referral of an inquiry regarding the provision and regulation of supported accommodation in Queensland to the Community Support and Services Committee**

**Minister for Housing**

1. The Public Advocate’s role is to promote and protect the rights and interests of Queensland adults with impaired decision-making ability through systemic advocacy.
2. The Public Advocate’s report “*‘Safe, Secure, Affordable’? The need for an inquiry into supported accommodation in Queensland*”was provided to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence on 21 August 2023.
3. The Report explores critical issues being experienced in the supported accommodation sector at both operational and systemic levels, including those that affect the human rights, wellbeing and safety of residents, and recommended that the Queensland Parliament should conduct an inquiry into the provision and regulation of supported accommodation in Queensland.
4. Cabinet noted the Public Advocate’s report “*‘Safe, Secure, Affordable’? The need for an inquiry into supported accommodation in Queensland*” and that the report suggests the inquiry process include an independent non-government organisation to support residents to contribute their views.
5. Cabinet accepted the Report’s recommendation that Parliament should conduct an inquiry into the provision and regulation of supported accommodation in Queensland and approved referral of the inquiry to the Community Support and Services Committee.
6. *Attachments*:
   * [*‘Safe, Secure, Affordable’? The need for an inquiry into supported accommodation in Queensland*.](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Sep/SupportedAccomm/Attachments/Report.PDF)