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OPEN LETTER TO THE HON AMANDA STOKER MP Member for Oodgeroo

Dear the Hon Amanda Stoker,

We refer to your office's email of 12 March 2026, in which it was stated: "*Please beware (sic) that our office does not fulfil the role of the Housing Department.*"

While factually correct, this response does not address concerns raised, nor for your role to put it on parliamentary record - for a disabled, elderly constituent experiencing 16 months of homelessness nearby your office. Our correspondence dated 11 and 12 March 2026 therefore remains unresolved.

On 16 March 2026, Channel 10 TV News conducted several interviews at our office regarding this matter.

On that day a phone call from the Housing Department was publicly filmed informing Bill Bailey that he was on a list of 1000's. Through this call it became very evident that questions need to be answered.

In addition to our questions expressed in previous written correspondence – all respectfully request your assistance in providing responses to the following questions, which arose from the recorded public communication and discussion:

### **I. Systematic and accountability issues.**

- What is the current estimated time that the Department of Housing expects it will take to provide housing to all of the "thousands and thousands of people" currently on the housing register in 2026?
- Can the department provide an official, public number of the age, sex, demographic and region of how many people are currently on the housing list in QLD in 2026?
- What percentage of the state's housing stock is dedicated to "*certain stocks... registered for over 55s*", and what is the current average wait time for an individual on that specific list?
- Given that a high volume of Federal government funding is given to the State QLD government for housing, how is that money being used to immediately increase stock and reduce the waitlist for vulnerable individuals?

### **II. Human Rights and Accountability**

- Does the QLD government agree that "*adherence to law is not optional by any public entity*"? If so, what is the Department of Housing's official position on the application of the *QLD Human Rights Act 2019* when a long-term homeless applicant's condition is actively worsening while waiting for housing?

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- Who is the most senior public servant who can be held accountable for the thousands of vulnerable Queenslanders who are waiting for housing, and how is that person ensuring a reduction in wait times?
- How long is considered an acceptable wait time for a *"disabled, vulnerable, elderly, pensioner in horrific situation"* like William Bailey, who has been on the waitlist for 16+ months?

### III. Case Management and Process Failures

- What is the specific and actionable purpose of a *"clarification conversation"* if it results in no immediate progress for a registrant who has been confirmed on the list since November 2024?
- Why is the Department of Housing unable to locate or contact Mr. Bailey when he is consistently in the same location *"near the police, and politician's offices"* every night?
  - Why is the necessity of updated medical records being questioned while the applicant's condition (cellulitis) has been observed firsthand by government officials and media?
  - Has been defined as disabled by the Federal government; disability pensioner.
- When there are conflicting reports about housing availability between different levels of government, what mechanism is in place to reconcile these reports and ensure accurate information is provided to vulnerable applicants?

**Despite saving taxpayers \$146M to date - our invite for you to visit our office for a cup of Christian coffee has not been responded to.**

Mr. Bailey's circumstances reflect broader systemic issues facing vulnerable Queenslanders. His case highlights the real-world consequences of extended wait times and is therefore of significant public interest. We continue to advocate not only for his wellbeing, but for the protection of current and future constituents who rely on public institutions in times of extreme vulnerability.

As an esteemed member of our community, it is disappointing that your office has yet to respond to questions about this humanitarian crisis. The handling of this case will continue to be made public.

Yours sincerely,



Tony Clark  
 Founder & CEO  
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