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Member for Maiwar ▲

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The Hon Leeanne Enoch MP
Minister for Communities and Housing
By email: communitiesandhousing@ministerial.qld.gov.au

**URGENT: Action requested regarding social housing tenant
(QCAT claim: 0000693/22)**

Dear Minister Enoch,

I write to you with an urgent request to revoke a Termination Order and Warrant of Possession issued to my constituent, David Barker, at 5/25 Waverley Rd, Taringa.

On Tuesday 26 April 2022, Mr Barker was issued with a Termination Order and a Warrant of Possession by the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT). The Warrant takes effect from Tuesday 10 May 2022, and is set to be executed on Monday 16 May 2022.

I have been advised by the Fortitude Valley Housing Service Centre (FVHSC) that they will not be relocating Mr Barker into alternative social housing.

As you're aware, Queensland is in the midst of a housing crisis. As the State MP for Maiwar, which includes the suburb of Taringa, I have known Mr Barker for several years and consider it unconscionable that he would be denied a home by the State Government. Mr Barker is a keen environmentalist and has gone to great lengths to give back to the community by recycling plastics that would otherwise end up in landfill. From what I understand, he has also taken several steps to address his neighbours' concerns, to the point where his immediate neighbour has put in writing his support for Mr Barker.

I understand that there is significant support in our local community for Mr Barker. Therefore, **I urge you to immediately revoke the Termination Order and the Warrant of Possession issued to Mr Barker**, noting that it is set to be executed on Monday 16 May 2022.

I would be more than happy to discuss this matter with you in more detail if required. Please do not hesitate to contact my office on 07 3737 4100 if you would like to discuss this further.

Kind regards,

Michael Berkman MP