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### **Affordable housing boost for Redcliffe**

People in Redcliffe searching for affordable housing have new options after the Bligh Government recently opened a complex of 30 apartments in Jeffery Street.

Minister for Housing, Karen Struthers said the opening of the apartments was a reflection of the successful partnership between the Queensland and Australian Governments in the rolling out of NRAS across Queensland.

NRAS engages investors to build affordable rental housing with rents set at least 20 per cent below the market rent for the properties.

"Providing affordable housing for Queenslanders requires a joint effort from all spheres of government, business, the non-profits and the community," Ms Struthers said.

"It is this partnership which has delivered for the people of Redcliffe and helped keep the cost of living under control.

"The Bligh Government has a total of 6408 properties approved under the NRAS scheme for Queensland, with 657 dwellings already tenanted," Ms Struthers said.

Member for Redcliffe, Lillian van Litsenberg said the opening of the La Bahia Apartments provided a wonderful opportunity for local people and families to secure an affordable home in the private rental market in Redcliffe.

"These fantastic new apartments will give opportunities to find a home for those battling the tight housing market," Ms van Litsenberg said.

"There are 30 apartments, including: two, one-bedroom; 16, two-bedroom and 12, three-bedroom apartments, which will provide local families with high quality affordable housing in a sought-after location.

"The La Bahia Apartments are also the first properties to be delivered in Redcliffe under the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) and developed in partnership with Queensland Affordable Housing Consortium (QAHC).

"QAHC should also be congratulated for taking up the challenge and delivering some great results in Redcliffe," she said.

Minister Struthers said meeting the demand for affordable accommodation was a major priority for the Queensland Government as part of its Q2 vision for fairer communities.

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