



**Minister for Housing and Public Works**  
**Minister for Youth**

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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Queensland Parliamentary Service  
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Dear Clerk

I refer to the petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 12 March 2025 regarding the potential rollout of Wi-Fi services to social housing managed by the Department of Housing and Public Works (the department).

The department recognises the importance of digital connectivity and acknowledges that access to the internet is increasingly offers numerous benefits for education, employment, and social inclusion.

The petition has been considered by the department alongside current priorities and determined that costs associated with implementing and maintaining a Wi-Fi network across the social housing portfolio is prohibitive at this time.

The department is committed to reducing living costs and improving liveability for our social housing residents, with current priorities focused on energy efficiency and thermal comfort initiatives.

Residents may avail themselves of existing free public Wi-Fi services provided in various community spaces or explore individual internet service options.

If you require further information, please contact Mr Matthew Nye, Deputy Director-General, Corporate Services, Department of Housing and Public Works on [ODDGCorporateServices@housing.qld.gov.au](mailto:ODDGCorporateServices@housing.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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**Minister for Housing and Public Works**  
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