

QUEENSLAND HOUSING SUMMIT

Providing a voice for the Private Rental Sector

On 20th October, the ground-breaking Premier's Housing Summit was held at the Brisbane Convention Centre.

Bringing together about 170 stakeholders from diverse sectors including social housing, planning, private investment, development, and construction; as well as representatives from all levels of government, expectations were high that this summit would create solutions to the Queensland housing crisis.

I was honoured to be invited to represent the private rental sector alongside Antonia Mercorella, CEO of the REIQ (pictured).

Like many others, I had reservations that this might simply be a talk-fest by well-meaning politicians.

However, the day proved to be a consultative success, producing thought-provoking conversations and a commitment to tackle the housing problem with out-of-the-box thinking.



The best part of the day was when we were split into four workgroups to brainstorm ideas. All suggestions were tabled and many attendees agreed that an incentive rather than punitive approach was needed to attract more investors into the rental market.

The Premier closed the day by announcing that an Outcomes Report would be tabled in Parliament in November.

**Laura Valenti, REIQ Board Director
and Managing Director of Solutions PM**



NEW RENT PAYMENT SYSTEM - CONSOLE PAY

We are pleased to advise that we have introduced a new rent payment system for tenants called 'ConsolePay' which will replace our current third party provider, iPayRent.

Powered by Ezidebit and linked to our trust accounting software, ConsolePay provides a much more efficient and convenient way of collecting, receipting, and monitoring rent payments. Tenants set up their own direct debit account and 'set and forget' weekly or fortnightly rent payments. This should reduce arrears caused by late or missed payments.

Through their ConsoleTenant App, tenants will conveniently have access to their payment history and even pay their water invoices.

We are phasing in this system so as to cause as little disruption as possible, and you will not notice any difference in your rental income. So far the response has been very positive, with many tenants already setting up their ConsolePay account.

For more information:

<https://solutionsproperty.com.au/home/tenants/paying-your-rent/>

DATES

DISBURSEMENTS

Wed 2nd Nov
Wed 9th Nov
Wed 16th Nov
Wed 23rd Nov
Wed 30th Nov

MONTHLY STATEMENT

Thurs 1st Dec

OFFICE CLOSED

Team Training /
Melbourne Cup Day
Tues 1st Nov
11am - 3pm

REIQ 2022 Awards for Excellence

On Saturday 29th October, the REIQ held its annual Awards for Excellence at the Brisbane Convention Centre, and are thrilled to be the winners of the Contribution to the Community Award

This award recognises the work that we are doing with SafeHome Alliance in bringing awareness of Domestic Violence to real estate agents and property managers.



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Special congratulations go to Caroline Duxfield and Bree-Anna Hill for being finalists for their categories (Property Manager and Rising Star Property Manager). They did us proud in a tough field of competitors.

