(insert date)

(insert contact details)

Dear (insert name),

I am a constituent of your electorate. As a voter, I am writing to bring your attention to an issue that has been a concern for many people in our local community.

Queensland's population is ageing with about 30% of QLD population being over 55 years old.[1] Australia's retirement system is built on the assumption that a person will own their home as they retire. However, this is not a reality for many older people in Queensland as home ownership rates declining and more older people reach retirement age with a mortgage.

Housing for the Aged Action Group commissioned research also showed that Queensland had the highest increase in older renters compared to other States and Territories.[2] Unfortunately, older women in Queensland are overrepresented in private renters from low income households.

Multiple changes are required to our public and community housing, retirement housing and social services systems to address this issue meaningfully. If you and your colleagues take action now, we can reduce future social and economic costs and avoid additional pressure on already stretched homelessness and crisis response services.

I would like to meet with you to discuss the issue and your party's policy response ahead of the election. Please let me know of a suitable time for this meeting to happen in person or online.

I look forward to hearing from you and the opportunity to discuss this important community issue.

Yours faithfully,

(insert name)

[1] Housing for the Aged Action Group, Decades of Housing Decline in Queensland: 2011 and 2021 Census Analysis, accessible at: https://www.oldertenants.org.au/sites/default/files/decades_of_decline_-_queensland.pdf

[2] As above.