

# Just get on with the job

I READ with two levels of interest Barbara Lynch's front-page article of the March 8 edition concerning the lack of local emergency accommodation in the area.

While the story is of immediate importance and hopefully can be addressed as a high-priority issue, the crucial point that Ms Lynch very cleverly highlighted (without alienating the major players) is that the problem can't be solved without at least one level of government taking ownership of the crisis.

Elected officials cannot continue to pass responsibility of any given problem to another agency or administration and continue to enjoy our trust and support.

The Queensland Government partially blames the Federal Government for the current predicament in the health arena.

No one seems willing to take the blame for the daily car park on Ipswich Motorway.

Who is to be held accountable for the looming water shortage - state or council?

Whatever ways the Titanic deck chairs are shuffled, the long-suffering tax/ratepayers of Australia are entitled to someone in this well-rewarded pantheon of time-servers doing the job for which they are paid.

If the three strata of officialdom can't get together to streamline an efficient method of problem solving, then either abolish the least-productive level or cut our taxes.

Enough of paying a lot for a little.

**L Moore,  
Wynnum**



## Fed Govt cuts \$9b from housing grants

ROSS Vasta is correct when he says it is the State Government which provides housing assistance.

However, it is not correct to say the Federal Government has nothing to do with the provision of housing.

It is the Federal Government that gives grants to the States for housing.

It is the same Federal Government that has cut the housing Budget to Queensland to the tune of more than \$9 billion.

Yes this situation is appalling.

Problems like the one we are seeing in Wynnum at BABI are a direct result of funding cuts.

The Federal Government provides rental assistance instead of putting that money into creating housing stock.

In our local area this situation is likely to get worse as the development of the Wynnum area takes place.

The South East Regional Development Plan has foreseen this area as one of growth and has recommended infrastructure to accommodate this.

It has not recognised the need for lower cost housing.

Perhaps as a part of the development of Wynnum the developers could provide a "community contribution" and this money. Funding from the Brisbane City Council's Housing Corporation and the State Government could also assist in alleviating this crisis.

Campbell Newman says he is concerned at the level of homelessness. He also says he is keen to fast track the development of Wynnum.

We are all keen to see Wynnum thrive but we as a community represented by our politicians need to look at this problem seriously.

**Christine Whittington  
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