



# Strategy pays off

SENIORS in public housing that has become too large for them to maintain by themselves are among those who will move into a new \$15 million development at Mt Gravatt.

Among the first in line for one of the 57 purpose-built residences under construction on Bothwell St are Terry and Adelle Steuart, who have lived in their three-bedroom public house for 48 years. The Steuarts (pictured), both 83, said they looked forward to moving to a smaller, more manageable home. It also means their existing house and large yard will be made available for a family on the public housing waiting list.

The Bothwell St development is a joint project between affordable housing developer BHC and the Department of Housing and Public Works.

BHC chief executive officer David Cant said it would ensure seniors such as the Steuarts could remain valuable and active members of their local community. A key feature of the new apartments will be a hub where residents will be



able to undertake hobbies and also interact.

State Housing and Public Works Minister Tim Mander was delighted community housing providers had embraced the government's vision.

"We've reduced Queensland's social housing waiting list by around 40 per cent, but there's still a long way to go," Mr Mander said.

"As part of our Housing 2020 Strategy, we have committed to delivering an additional 12,000 social and affordable dwellings."