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BRISBANE HOUSING COMPANY (BHC) ANNOUNCES NEW CEO

Queensland's leading affordable housing provider Brisbane Housing Company (BHC) has announced Rebecca Oelkers as its new Chief Executive Officer.

Ms Oelkers was previously BHC's Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operations Officer and was the 2018 UDIA Queensland Women in Leadership award recipient for her contribution to the Development Industry.

Ms Oelkers is a passionate advocate for affordable housing, and has worked in the sector for over 16 years. She said she was honoured to lead BHC into a new era of evolution, innovation and growth.

"BHC is in a strong position and we will continue to expand through the use of innovative housing models and new funding structures," Ms Oelkers said.

"We will also continue to deliver the very best services for our tenants and communities and provide people with the stable accommodation they need to make positive change in their lives."

Ms Oelkers said she would also push for community housing to play a more central role in addressing Australia's social and affordable housing crisis.

"I am committed to enhancing BHC's role as a leader and innovator in the affordable housing sector, building our profile and expanding our capacity to do more for the many people who need affordable homes," Ms Oelkers said.

BHC Independent Chair Eloise Atkinson said Ms Oelkers had a strong vision for the company's continued success.

"Rebecca is highly experienced and has worked with BHC for more than ten years in critical leadership roles, driving significant strategic growth and operational initiatives," Ms Atkinson said.

"She has a deep understanding of the affordable housing sector and already has strong, productive relationships with our key stakeholders.

"The board believes Rebecca will lead the company's innovation and growth into the future."

Ms Atkinson also thanked outgoing CEO Stuart Lummis for his contribution in helping BHC deliver more affordable housing for some of the state's most vulnerable. As BHC CEO Mr Lummis helped secure \$28 million of funding under the State Government's Partnering for Growth strategy and oversaw the creation of Elevate Residential, a licensed real estate agency whose profits are passed on directly to BHC.

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