

New \$4.1m disabled housing project opens in Brisbane

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A MULTIMILLION-dollar housing project in Brisbane will provide independent and fully accessible living for disabled adults.

Officially opened yesterday, the \$4.1 million Jingeri Housing Apartments in Enoggera will house 10 locals living with disabilities.

State blasted over centre closure

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Aged care, daycare, disability care in one

Opening the centre, Disability Services Minister Coralee O'Rourke said: "I am delighted the Palaszczuk Government has donated the land and provided \$750,000 for this wonderful project that will provide ageing parent carers with more certainty about their sons' and daughters' long-term futures."

Rosemary Jackson's son Joe will be one of the first tenants at Jingeri Housing Apartments, and said living independently had turned his life around.

"I was very worried about Joe for a long time," she said.

"Now his self-esteem has improved greatly and he's looking after himself like never before.

"I sleep better at night because I know he is safe here."

The apartments on Glenalva Terrace will provide fully accessible living to residents, conveniently located next to the Enoggera bus and rail interchange.



"The project has been designed with residents in mind and features lift service and secure swipe card access, as well as enhanced entry and access points," local Member for Ferny Grove Mark Furner said.

The development also includes communal areas, a barbecue, bicycle parking and designated car space for each apartment.

Developer BHC Creative Liveable Communities' CEO Stuart Lummis said the communal spaces had been designed to help disabled people transition from parental care to independent living.

"Moving into independent living for the first time can be challenging, and by incorporating elements such as a common room and barbecue area, the Enoggera development provides residents with opportunities to interact and form important social and support networks," he said.

The project is part of increasing trend of innovative and accessible living solutions that are being rolled out through the National Disability Insurance Scheme.