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Homeowner dream out of sight under Labor

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The Palaszczuk Labor Government's new taxes and cuts to the First Home Owners' Grant are crushing the Queensland dream of owning a home, LNP Deputy Leader Tim Mander has warned.

"The latest ABS figures released today show Queensland's housing commitments fell 0.4 per cent in just one month, a far greater fall than the national average," Mr Mander said.

"Housing commitments have plummeted since Labor cut the First Homeowners' Grant from \$20,000 to \$15,000 and ramped up land taxes.

"After Labor's cut of the First Home Owners' Grant there has been a monthly average drop in applications from 796 to 660.

"The number of housing commitments has now fallen below 10,000 in Queensland for the first time since May 2016.

"It's only going to get worse when the construction industry is smashed with Labor's waste tax, which they have jacked up from \$70 to \$75 a tonne.

"Under Labor, housing and construction are declining, unemployment is rising, and Queenslanders can't find a foothold on the property ladder.

"The LNP has a proven track record of success and delivered a 20 per cent increase in housing commitments in government.

"Only the LNP, with its commitment to no new taxes and cutting red tape for business, can ensure the future of the Queensland economy."

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