Media Release

The Hon Richard Wynne MP Minister for Planning Minister for Housing Acting Minister for Water



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HOMES VICTORIA BOARD ANNOUNCED

The Andrews Labor Government has announced the new board for Homes Victoria – the agency delivering the single biggest investment in social and affordable housing in Australia's history.

The 11-member board will oversee the rollout of the landmark Big Housing Build, the development of a 10-year housing strategy, and other major initiatives and reforms to provide secure, affordable housing to those who need it most.

Following a targeted search, nine experienced professionals have been selected for the board: Steve Gross (Chair), Meredith Sussex, Jefa Greenway, Sarah Clarke, Tam Nguyen, Lucy Roffey, Danielle Dalby, Wade Noonan and Pat Cashin.

The board members will draw on their vast experience to provide advice on long-term strategic direction, community outcomes, financial performance and growth, and identify new opportunities.

There will also be two public sector appointees, from the Department of Treasury and Finance and the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

It's the latest step in the Labor Government's ongoing work to boost social housing, support those doing it tough and drive Victoria's economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.

The \$5.3 billion Big Housing Build will deliver more than 12,000 new homes – increasing social housing stock by 10 per cent. At least a quarter of that investment – \$1.25 billion – will be spent in regional Victoria.

The Big Housing Build will also create 10,000 new jobs each year over the next four years and generate \$6.7 billion in economic activity.

It's part of a 10 year social and affordable housing strategy currently being developed by the Labor Government. For more information, visit <u>vic.gov.au/homes-victoria</u>.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Housing Richard Wynne

"This group has the skills, experience and vision needed to deliver on our landmark investment in new homes and support Victorians doing it tough."

"I look forward to working with the new Board to create a stronger and more sustainable housing system for Victoria."

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