

# Media Release

**The Hon Natalie Hutchins MP**

Minister for Crime Prevention

Minister for Corrections

Minister for Youth Justice

Minister for Victim Support



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## **MORE HOUSING FOR VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN HEALESVILLE**

Vulnerable people will have more stable housing with an expansion and upgrade of residential rehabilitation services in Healesville supported by the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Crime Prevention Natalie Hutchins today announced more than \$2.3 million to deliver two new buildings and expand the current residential facility at EACH, which provides support and housing to people with complex needs.

EACH is a not-for-profit community services provider that works with vulnerable people through an integrated range of health, disability, counselling and community mental health services.

The new buildings will feature a dedicated dining hall, community meeting area, counselling spaces, a medication dispensing room and a large outdoor deck and activity area.

The construction will also expand the total capacity to 23 beds, providing 12 additional places for vulnerable clients.

The funding is part of an almost \$500 million social housing boost through the Maintenance Stimulus Package, that included \$50 million to create secure and stable housing for Victorians in contact with the justice system.

EACH also provides housing and services to support people with complex needs, with residents able to access alcohol and drug counselling, health and other vital supports needed to support their successful reintegration into the community.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Corrections Natalie Hutchins**

*"This project is about creating safe homes for vulnerable people and providing them with the support services they need."*

*"The combination of an integrated 24-hour service by EACH and our investment of \$2.3 million will mean more people have the chance to get their lives back on track."*