

Media Release

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BUILDING NEW HOMES FOR MORE VICTORIANS

The Victorian Government is ramping up delivery of the landmark Big Housing Build, with the first allocation of funds to community housing projects that will create thousands of new homes and jobs across Victoria.

Minister for Housing Richard Wynne today announced 89 projects that will deliver 2,352 new social homes for Victorians who need them most – the largest investment allocation announced to date.

The Government's almost \$740 million investment in community housing projects will give more Victorians the stability they need while creating more than 9,000 jobs.

The projects, worth more than \$1 billion, are located across 38 local government areas and range from a 152-home development in Melbourne to several two-home developments in regional areas.

The investment includes \$148 million for housing projects in regional Victoria, delivering 583 new social housing homes across 44 projects creating more than 1,800 jobs.

The regional projects are located right across Victoria, including in the Ballarat, Baw Baw, Benalla, Corangamite, Glenelg, Bendigo, Geelong, Shepparton, Horsham, Latrobe, Mitchell, Moorabool, Southern Grampians, Surf Coast, Warrnambool and Wodonga areas.

The homes will be available to those in the most need – including people living with mental illness or disability, people escaping family violence, Victoria's First Peoples and individuals experiencing homelessness.

Shovels will be in the ground by the end of the year – with the new homes being delivered in partnership with 22 community housing agencies.

The projects include 62 new supported independent living homes for Victorians living with mental illness being built across four sites announced in June.

The Government's historic \$5.3 billion Big Housing Build is delivering more than 12,000 new homes – boosting Victoria's social housing supply by 10 per cent – while generating 10,000 jobs each year over the four year program.

The Big Housing Build is investing \$1.25 billion in regional areas – ensuring the programs economic and social benefits are felt in communities across the state.

More information is available at: vic.gov.au/social-housing-growth-fund

Quote attributable to Minister for Housing Richard Wynne

"We're getting on with delivering our Big Housing Build, giving more people the certainty of a roof over their head and the security of a job."

"More than \$1 billion in projects will start this year – delivering new housing and hope to thousands of Victorians."

"This is so much more than a construction project – it's a safe place to call home, training and apprenticeship opportunities and thousands of local jobs."

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