

Media Release

The Hon Richard Wynne MP
Minister for Planning
Minister for Housing



Wednesday, 18 May 2022

BOOSTING PUBLIC HOUSING IN COLAC

More Victorians will have a place to call home thanks to the Andrews Labor Government's investment in public housing in Colac.

Construction on four new houses in Colac has just wrapped up, allowing safe homes to soon be offered to people at risk of or experiencing homelessness, including older Victorians and people with a disability.

The Labor Government has invested \$1.35 million to build the new homes, which will help address the need for more social housing across Victoria and reduce reliance on emergency accommodation.

The properties are modular houses, which has allowed the homes to be constructed quickly, and also means they are easily transported and placed permanently on vacant and under-utilised land.

The project, which includes two one-bedroom units and two family homes consisting of two bedrooms, has resulted in the creation of 12 jobs.

All properties include energy efficient appliances, solar panels, heat pump hot water services and good site orientation to capture north and south light. This means more comfortable and cost-effective homes, that are easier to keep cooler in summer and warmer in winter.

The Colac homes are being delivered under the Labor Government's Building New Homes to Fight Homelessness program, which is providing 1000 new public housing properties across the State.

This in addition to the \$5.3 billion Big Housing Build, which is set to deliver more than 12,000 new social and affordable homes and is creating 10,000 jobs a year.

This investment includes \$1.25 billion in regional areas, ensuring the economic and social benefits are felt in communities across the state.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Housing Richard Wynne

"Everyone deserves a place to call home and these new homes will change the lives of the people that live there."

"These homes will provide hope, dignity and stability for people living here so they feel part of a community and get ahead and thrive."

Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Gayle Tierney

"These new homes fill a very real need in our community and are perfectly timed to provide safe homes for vulnerable people as the winter weather kicks in."