

# Media Release

**The Hon Colin Brooks MP**  
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## **DELIVERING MORE HOUSING AS PART OF THE BIG HOUSING BUILD**

The Andrews Labor Government is getting on with delivering the biggest pipeline of quality social and affordable homes in Victoria's history – building homes for those who need it most.

Minister for Housing Colin Brooks today visited a development in Heidelberg West that is being delivered as part of our landmark \$5.3 billion Big Housing Build – which has now supported more than 2800 households either move into or prepare to move into new homes.

The \$63 million development is on track to welcome hundreds of new residents by the end of this year, replacing 60 no longer fit for purpose houses with 130 new state-of-the-art homes – boosting social housing on the site by 10 per cent.

These new modern and energy efficient homes will deliver a mix of one, two and three-bedroom apartments and town houses, meaning renters will be warm in winter and cool in summer, while saving on their power bills.

In addition, 63 homes will be available through the Affordable Housing Rental Scheme which helps low-income workers access rent capped homes.

Supporting more than 560 jobs during construction – the development includes safe and publicly accessible open and green spaces, with easy access to community facilities a key part of the design.

The Labor Government will also provide a new \$1 billion *Regional Housing Fund* to deliver more than 1300 new homes across regional Victoria.

The new homes will include a mix of social and affordable housing – and we'll work with councils, regional partnerships and local communities to determine the right mix of stock and locations for each region.

Since the start of the Big Housing Build in November 2020, more than 7,600 homes have been completed or are underway, with Victoria on track to deliver more than 12,000 much-needed new social and affordable homes and create more than 40,000 jobs in construction.

Projects currently taking place across Victoria include the redevelopment of sites in Preston, which will deliver more than 290 homes, almost 200 homes in Brunswick West, and more than 150 dwellings in Flemington, as well as major developments in Ballarat and Bendigo.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Housing Colin Brooks**

*“Our landmark Big Housing Build is changing lives – giving thousands of Victorians the security and stability of a home, and tens of thousands of Victorians a job.”*

*“Housing is the biggest issue in Victoria right and we know there is nothing more important than a roof over your head – and that is what we're delivering.”*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Ivanhoe Anthony Carbines**

*“It's fantastic to see hundreds of new social and affordable homes coming to Banyule – giving the most vulnerable Victorians the modern and safe homes they need and deserve.”*

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