

# Media Release

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## **BIG HOUSING BUILD DELIVERING FOR NORTH MELBOURNE**

More social and affordable housing dwellings are springing up right around Victoria, as the Andrews Labor Government's historic \$5.3 billion Big Housing Build gains momentum.

Premier Daniel Andrews and Minister for Housing Colin Brooks today visited the Shiel Street development in North Melbourne that is being delivered as part of the Big Housing Build, which is creating thousands of new homes across the state.

The almost \$40 million North Melbourne development has just passed a major milestone, with the nine-storey building now topped out – when completed in mid-2024, it will feature 70 new social housing homes to be managed by Housing Choices Australia.

These new one-, two- and three-bedroom homes are modern and energy efficient, meaning renters will be warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer, while saving on their power bills.

The Shiel Street site will include safe and publicly accessible open and green spaces, and is well located with easy access to public transport, shops, schools and medical facilities.

Since the Big Housing Build began in November 2020, more than 7,600 homes have been completed or are underway and more than 2,800 households have either moved in or are getting ready to move into brand new homes.

The Labor Government will deliver more than 12,000 new homes and create more than 40,000 jobs through the Big Housing Build – with the Shiel Street development alone supporting more than 350 jobs.

The Government has also created a new \$1 billion Regional Housing Fund to deliver more than 1,300 homes across regional Victoria. The new homes will include a mix of social and affordable housing, and the Government will work with councils, regional partnerships and local communities to determine the locations and needs for each region.

### **Quotes attributable to Premier Daniel Andrews**

*“All over Victoria work is happening right now to build more housing for Victorians through our Big Housing Build – the largest single investment in social and affordable housing by any state or territory government.”*

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

*“Right around the state we have projects like Shiel Street in development – projects that will help us deliver 12,000 new social and affordable homes and increase Victoria’s housing stock.”*

### **Quotes attributable to Member for Northern Metropolitan Region Sheena Watt**

*“It’s wonderful to visit Shiel Street and see the progress being made on these beautiful new social and affordable homes, and we’re very much looking forward to welcoming their new tenants to the local community.”*