

# Media Release

**The Hon Harriet Shing MP**

Minister for Water

Minister for Regional Development

Minister for Equality



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## DELIVERING MORE HOMES FOR REGIONAL VICTORIANS

The Allan Labor Government is delivering new homes for people in regional Victoria - faster than ever before - thanks to a unique offsite construction model.

Minister for Housing Harriet Shing today visited the ARKit warehouse in Sunshine, where 25 new modular social homes for regional Victorians are being built in partnership with Haven Home Safe.

Once completed, the homes will be transported to Horsham to house up to 47 people on the Victorian Housing Register.

The homes will be modern, energy-efficient, and include heat pump hot water services – making them cheaper to cool in summer and heat in winter and more comfortable all year round.

Delivered as part of the Labor Government’s landmark Big Housing Build in partnership with Haven Home Safe, the \$10.1 million project is also creating more than 70 local jobs.

More than 80 social housing modular homes have already been built by Victorian manufacturer ARKit and a further 25 are under construction at the Sunshine warehouse.

Modular homes can be constructed quickly, are easily transported and are placed permanently on vacant land in areas of high demand – providing an innovative solution to increasing social housing supply.

Since the start of the Big Housing Build, the Labor Government has invested more than \$1 billion in projects in regional Victoria - with 3,000 homes completed or underway.

We’re also investing \$1 billion in a Regional Housing Fund to deliver more than 1300 new social and affordable homes across regional Victoria – designed with councils, regional partnerships, and local communities.

Victoria’s *Housing Statement* outlines a vision to build 800,000 new homes across the state over the next 10 years – including 152,000 new homes in regional and rural Victoria.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Housing Harriet Shing**

*“Through innovative construction models – including modular housing – we’re addressing Victoria’s housing needs quickly and efficiently, while providing jobs across the state to assemble and install the homes.”*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Jacinta Ermacora**

*“We’re proud to be delivering permanent modular housing in areas where demand is high, like Horsham, and providing regional Victorians with a home they can thrive and live their best lives in.”*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Laverton Sarah Connolly**

*“Seventy local jobs is a huge win for my community in Sunshine and is a great example of what can be achieved in partnership with organisations like Haven Home Safe.”*

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