

Media Release

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VICTORIANS TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON HOUSING PLAN

The Allan Labor Government is asking all Victorians to have their say about the cities, suburbs, towns and regions they want to live in, and the kind of Victoria we want to build for future generations.

As part of the landmark *Housing Statement*, the Labor Government has kicked off community engagement right across the state to develop a long-term vision for Victoria's next 30 years.

Over the next few months 60 pop-up community events will be held across Melbourne and regional and rural Victoria while an online program will also be held to ensure we reach all Victorians – young people, culturally and linguistically diverse, people living with a disability, those at risk of homelessness, renters and home owners.

We're also engaging with local councils, industry and community leaders as well as Traditional Owners and the wider First Peoples Community.

More than 9000 people have already visited the Engage Vic website since it went live and more than 200 industry and council participants have already been consulted.

With Victoria on the way to being home to 10 million people by 2050, this whole-of-state plan will set out how to further improve housing affordability and choice by establishing housing targets for local government areas - so that the locations where we need more homes and the types of homes we need are clear for everyone.

Councils will be supported by a new dedicated case management team to help resolve issues delaying planning decisions and prevent projects ending up in the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

The team will work proactively with developers, councils and agencies to resolve issues on developments worth more than \$10 million which have been stuck within the planning system for more than six months.

This will support council to continue the work done since the *Housing Statement* to clear the backlog of planning applications for townhouses or apartments that had been stuck for more than six months waiting for a decision.

Developing a new plan for Victoria will ensure there is a shared vision for delivering 800,000 more homes - close to transport, jobs and essential services in vibrant, liveable, and sustainable cities, suburbs and towns over the next decade.

Visit the website to complete the survey, subscribe to receive updates and find out when we're having our next events at, <https://engage.vic.gov.au/shape-our-victoria>

Quotes attributable to Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny

"Building on our landmark Housing Statement – a new plan for Victoria will set out what our towns, suburbs, cities and regions look like by 2050."

"We want as many Victorians as possible to have their say – so we have a shared vision on how to build 800,000 new homes over the next decade and millions more into the 2050s."

"Having applications sitting in the system doesn't get homes built – we've established a new team to support councils to stop permit applications ending up in VCAT and ensure we can build more homes."

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