## Media Release

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## FIRST LOOK AT HOUSING PLANS ACROSS TEN MELBOURNE SUBURBS

Communities across ten established Melbourne suburban centres are being given a first look and chance to have their say on Allan Labor Government plans to build more homes close to jobs, transport and public services.

The newly released maps offer a glimpse into what the future could look like across the Activity Centres set out in the Labor Government's landmark Housing Statement: Broadmeadows, Camberwell Junction, Chadstone, Epping, Frankston, Moorabbin, Niddrie-Keilor Road, North Essendon, Preston-High Street, and Ringwood.

These initial 10 suburban centres were chosen for their potential to accommodate more homes while ensuring access to vital amenities such as train stations, tram services, town centres, job opportunities, and public services.

As plans for the Activity Centres develop, the Government will work closely with communities and councils to review design requirements and building heights – with residents encouraged to have their say on what they love most about their area, to help shape the future of their communities.

Building more homes up, not just out, in established suburbs is one of many initiatives outlined in the Housing Statement, which is creating the conditions needed for 800,000 new homes to be built over the next decade to improve housing and rental affordability.

With Victoria being the fastest growing state in the country, these changes are crucial to accommodate Melbourne's growing population, which is set to be the size of London's by the 2050s.

Across the ten suburban centres, the Labor Government will work with communities to enable 60,000 more homes to be built, while maintaining the features that communities love about their neighbourhoods.

Feedback will also guide investment in the things a thriving, liveable and growing suburb needs like community facilities, public spaces and parks.

For more information, visit vpa.vic.gov.au/metropolitan/activity-centres.

## Quotes attributable to Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny

"As part of our landmark Housing Statement we're enabling 60,000 more homes to be built across established suburbs, ensuring more Victorians have access to affordable housing close to services, jobs and transport."

"We want to hear from communities on how best we can accommodate more housing choice, while ensuring their suburbs maintain their liveability."