

Media Release

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MORE HOMES FOR VICTORIANS – IN THE RIGHT PLACES

The Allan Labor Government is welcoming residents back home to Oakover Road in Preston, where a major redevelopment has tripled social housing onsite and delivered new market housing in Melbourne's north.

Premier Jacinta Allan and Minister for Housing Harriet Shing today toured the redevelopment – a social housing project completed as part of the Public Housing Renewal Program that has delivered 296 new homes.

The project replaced 26 single-storey social housing dwellings that were no longer fit-for-purpose with 296 new homes – including 99 new social homes that will house up to 140 people.

The Government's nation-leading Housing Statement reforms are creating the conditions for 800,000 new homes to be built over the next decade, in places like Oakover Road in Preston – close to transport, schools and jobs.

This site is exactly where Victoria needs new homes – minutes away from the brand-new Bell train station, a short walk from the Number 11 tram straight into the CBD, and close to Preston Market and shops along High Street.

Located just eight kilometres north of Melbourne's city centre, the new homes meet the Gold Livable Housing Design Standards, are all-electric, with 5-star Green Star and 7-star average NatHERS ratings – making the homes more efficient to keep cool in summer and warm in winter.

The redevelopment includes a rooftop terrace for social housing residents, a community gallery for residents and visitors to enjoy, plus green open spaces for all.

Community housing partner HousingFirst will manage the social housing, and the homes were developed in partnership with MAB corporation.

The Public Housing Renewal Project is delivering more than 4,000 new homes while more than 12,000 homes are being delivered as part of our nation-leading \$5.3 billion Big Housing Build. A further 1,600 homes will also be delivered in regional Victoria under the Regional Housing Fund.

Quote attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan

"Every Victorian deserves the dignity and security of a roof over their head, and we're delivering more of these high-quality homes in the right places to benefit more Victorians."

Quote attributable to Minister for Housing Harriet Shing

"This is an investment in the lives of Victorians for years to come – replacing outdated homes and tripling the social housing on site, while also adding more homes to the market to give buyers more choice locally."

Quote attributable to Member for Northcote Kat Theophanous

"Working together to bring this project to life, our inner north community has shaped and embraced this new housing. There is now three times more social housing on this Preston site as there was before – giving more people a safe, modern, energy-efficient place to call home."