# Joint Media Release



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## LABOR DELIVERING MORE SOCIAL HOMES FOR VICTORIANS

The Albanese and Allan Labor Governments are delivering more than 1,000 social and affordable homes for Victorians who need it most through the latest round of the Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF).

This funding round will help build and operate 1,275 new homes across 25 projects thanks to \$991 million from the Federal Government and a \$360 million contribution from the Victorian Government.

These homes will support Victorians doing it tough – families, older women, and young people at risk of homelessness. There will also be more than 100 homes to support self-determined housing for Aboriginal Victorians.

Despite delays caused by opposition in the Parliament, the HAFF is now delivering long-term, reliable funding to address Australia's housing shortfall.

Many homes from earlier rounds are already complete, with thousands more under construction or in planning.

The Allan Labor Government's landmark \$6.3 billion through its Big Housing Build and Regional Housing Fund is also helping deliver more than 13,300 more social and affordable homes across Victoria.

The Victorian Government has also introduced bold new reforms to boost housing supply – including making it easier to build close to train stations and trams, streamlining townhouse approvals, and slashing stamp duty for off-the-plan apartments and townhouses.

The Albanese Government is investing \$43 billion to improve housing supply – across social, affordable, and market housing – and to help more Australians buy a home of their own.

#### Quotes attributable to Federal Minister for Housing Clare O'Neil

"Today's announcement is proof that when the Commonwealth and State governments leads on housing, we get results that change lives.

"Every one of these new homes represents hope for a family in Victoria doing it tough. Whether it's a mum and her kids escaping domestic violence, a veteran struggling to find affordable housing, or a frontline worker priced out of their own community – these homes will give people the foundation they need to rebuild their lives

"This is what happens when governments stop making excuses and start building solutions. We're working with the Victorian Government and community housing providers to create a pipeline of homes that will make a real difference for decades to come."

#### Quotes attributable to Minister for Housing and Building Harriet Shing

"We have a partner in Canberra that's working with us to build more homes and provide more singles, couples and families with the dignity, safety, and privacy of a home to call their own."

"There is always more to do, and this partnership will ensure we can continue to build more social and affordable homes than any other state to meet a growing need."

"This investment from the Commonwealth will make a world of difference - from the middle of Melbourne to the edges of the state - home by home, street by street, and community by community."

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