

Media Release

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BUILDING HOMES FOR BETTER SERVICES IN IRYMPLE

The Allan Labor Government is ensuring essential services workers in the state's north-west have more places stay, with new worker housing in Irymple now completed.

Minister for Regional Development, Jaclyn Symes, today announced the first two of 10 new houses have been completed ahead of schedule as part of a project supported by the *Regional Worker Accommodation Fund*.

The fund supports new worker housing and accommodation in regional communities, helping alleviate skills shortages and bolster service delivery across Victoria.

In Irymple, the new housing will provide accommodation for workers in healthcare, education and law enforcement - these skilled workers will support this growing town just outside Mildura, and the needs of its community.

The houses are being built by Mildura-based company MCBG Karadoc, and once all 10 residences are completed will provide a total of 28 bedrooms for workers and their families.

Worker accommodation in the Mallee is a key priority for the Victorian Government, with a series of *Regional Worker Accommodation Fund* projects on the way in the region.

This includes seven units for workers in the Buloke Shire, three units to support workers for Kerang District Health, and 10 units for key workers in Robinvale.

These projects are helping more people have access to jobs close to home and helping regional communities attract the key workers they need.

The *Regional Worker Accommodation Fund* is part of our \$47 billion delivered in regional investments in just over a decade, driving economic growth and making Victoria a better place to live, work, stay, experience, invest and study.

For more information, visit rdv.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Regional Development Jaclyn Symes

"I'm delighted to see new houses for workers at Irymple being completed ahead of schedule, supporting better services for the community, and supporting skilled workers to live locally."

"This is another example of how we are continuing to invest in the infrastructure needed for a growing, healthy and prosperous regional Victoria."

Quote attributable to MCBG Karadoc Director Ben Garraway

"Our community has grown dramatically in the past few years, and we are in desperate need of housing. The Irymple Worker Housing project will be pivotal in providing education and health service workers, and their families, with quality housing in our region."

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