

Media Release

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HUNDREDS OF NEW HOMES FAST-TRACKED IN GEELONG

The Allan Labor Government is getting more homes off the ground faster after fast-tracking the approval of 270 homes across Geelong - close to public transport, jobs and services.

Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny has given the green light for two new housing projects – at Malop Street Geelong and across Hope and Autumn Streets in Geelong West – which were fast-tracked through the Development Facilitation Program.

The Malop Street development will provide 214 new homes – ranging from studio to three-bedrooms – which will be in walking distance of the Moorabool St Bus Interchange, Geelong Station, University Hospital Geelong, Malop Street shopping centres, and the Geelong Waterfront.

The 16-storey development on Malop Street will also include public walkways connecting to Little Malop Street, new retail spaces, a co-working office space, and a new hotel.

Two four-storey buildings at Hope and Autumn Streets in Geelong West will also provide 56 new homes – ranging from studio to three bedrooms – a short walk from Geelong Station, bus stops, shops, and parks.

These developments mean people have more choice about how and where they want to live, as we continue working towards our bold housing targets.

The Labor Government's Development Facilitation Program streamlines the planning process for priority projects that boost investment into the economy, keep people in jobs, and create homes for Victorians. These projects must deliver at least 10 per cent affordable housing to be eligible for the pathway.

Since the program opened to residential development two years ago, more than 5000 homes have been fast-tracked by the Minister for Planning through this pathway.

Victoria continues to lead the nation in housing approvals and completions and through our Train and Tram Zone program, updates to the Townhouse Code, setting housing targets for every local government area, and slashing stamp duty for eligible off-the-plan developments – we're delivering more homes for more Victorians.

Quote attributable to Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny

"We know the only way to make housing fairer for young Victorians is to build more homes, faster – that's why we're fast-tracking projects just like these ones in Geelong."

Quote attributable to Member for Geelong Chris Couzens

"These projects will deliver hundreds of new homes in the heart of Geelong, right where people want to live – close to great public transport, jobs and services."