

Media Release

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FAST-TRACK PATHWAY UNLOCKS MORE THAN 10,000 HOMES

Labor has fast-tracked approvals on more than 10,000 homes – giving more young Victorians a chance to live closer to where they grew up.

Since the Development Facilitation Program opened to housing projects just over two years ago, the Allan Labor Government has fast-tracked 10,324 homes across 64 projects.

More than 80 per cent of homes will be in Melbourne’s inner and middle suburbs.

Approvals through the program are accelerating with homes approved doubling year-on-year from 3,451 last year, to 6,862 in the 12 months to March this year.

This year alone, more than 2,000 homes have been approved through the pathway.

This includes nearly 700 since the start of the month.

The pathway has brought average approval time for projects down to four months.

That is 10 months faster than the average council housing approval, or longer if the project is dragged to VCAT.

Projects must include at least 10 per cent affordable housing to qualify for the pathway.

But the program is delivering even more, with more than 20 per cent of approved homes – affordable housing.

While Labor is building and approving more homes, the Liberals want to block them.

Jess Wilson and the Liberals want to scrap Labor’s planning reforms and hand approvals back to council blockers.

The Liberals want to return to the same system that is responsible for locking young people out of housing.

Labor’s planning changes have delivered more new homes than any state and made Melbourne the most affordable capital city for young renters and buyers.

Only Labor has new solutions to make life easier and more affordable.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny

“Suburbs shouldn’t be locked up for a lucky few – they should be areas where young families and workers have a chance to find a home in the places they love.”

“That’s why we’ve been focused on overhauling our planning system to get more homes built.”

“Jess Wilson’s housing plan is to cut thousands of new homes being built and push up the price of housing.”

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