

Media Release

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WORK GETS UNDERWAY ON NEW HOMES IN BENALLA

More Victorians will have a place to call home – thanks to Labor’s social housing investment in regional Victoria.

Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes today visited a new housing development in Benalla West, where construction is now underway.

The \$30 million project will deliver 48 new homes and will be completed in 2027.

The new homes will replace 21 social homes that were no longer fit for purpose and did not meet the needs of people in the area.

Social housing will be for applicants on the Victorian Housing Register who have nominated Benalla as their preferred location.

The new homes will be modern, comfortable and environmentally sustainable, and located near parkland, transport, schools and services.

They will improve the quality of housing and public spaces in the Benalla West area.

The neighbouring Waminda Park will be upgraded with new barbecue facilities, a picnic table, play equipment, trees, vegetation and improved lighting.

It’s all part of the Allan Labor Government’s investment to meet the high demand for social and affordable housing across Victoria.

Labor’s \$6.3 billion Big Housing Build and Regional Housing Fund, is delivering more than 13,300 social and affordable homes right across Victoria – with more than 11,800 homes already complete or underway.

More than \$17 million has been invested in Benalla through our social housing programs to build 54 new homes.

Quote attributable to Minister for Housing and Building Nick Staikos

“Every Victorian deserves safe and secure housing and that’s why we’re investing record amounts of funding to build new social and affordable homes, including here in Benalla West.”

Quote attributable to Treasurer and Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes

“Building more social and affordable housing, like this development here in Benalla West, will help future generations live a more stable life, while also creating thousands of jobs right across the state.”