

Media Release

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MORE HOUSING SUPPORT FOR ABORIGINAL VICTORIANS

More Aboriginal Victorians will have a safe and secure place to call home thanks to a boost in Andrews Labor Government funding and further support for Aboriginal self-determination.

The Government will invest \$150 million to build new homes, which is in addition to \$35 million to upgrade existing housing, through grants to Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and Aboriginal housing providers.

The grants, which support the Labor Government's continuing commitment to self-determination, are expected to create more than 400 new homes for Aboriginal households on the Victorian Housing Register.

Work on existing housing will include major renovations, as well as electrical safety and energy-efficiency upgrades, which will result in greater resident comfort and a reduction in household energy costs.

This investment is on top of other projects that are investing a total of more than \$10 million for 47 properties in locations including Dandenong, Endeavour Hills, Werribee, Doveton, Hampton Park and Reservoir.

The investments are part of the Government's ongoing commitment to developing a self-determined and culturally safe Aboriginal housing and homelessness sector to tackle housing stress and homelessness and support collective and individual ownership of land and housing.

The first applications for funding under the Homes for Aboriginal Victorians round are open until 5 May 2022. More information can be found at [Social Housing Growth Fund – Homes for Aboriginal Victorians | Victorian Government](#)

Quotes attributable to Minister for Housing Richard Wynne

"Having a home means security, stability and staying safe – and we are delivering more culturally safe housing options for Aboriginal people across the state."

"This initiative will further support the principles of self-determination for Aboriginal people in Victoria."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Gabrielle Williams

"When First Nations Victorians manage their own affairs, such as housing, we know outcomes are better for everyone. This funding will go a long way to supporting self-determination and culturally safe housing options for Aboriginal Victorians."

"We're proud to support Aboriginal organisations to deliver housing options that will best support their communities so they can thrive and live culturally rich lives."