

# Media Release

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## DEVELOPING A NEW PLAN FOR VICTORIA

The Allan Labor Government is kicking off conversations with communities across the state to develop a new plan for what our cities, towns and regions should look like in the coming decades as we get on with building thousands of new homes Victoria needs.

This will be the first ever whole-of-state plan, setting out how to further improve housing affordability and choice through to 2050 as the population grows to exceed 10 million, establishing targets for local government areas for where and how many homes need to be built.

It will focus on initiatives across five pillars that will enable a strong economy, more equitable access to services and jobs, improved liveability and sustainability, and embed caring for Country and self-determination as a foundation for Victoria's future.

The Labor Government will kick off a series of webinars and roundtables with industry and local government this year before broader community engagement begins across the state in early-2024 ahead of the final plan being released at the end of next year.

Victoria is growing. We're the fastest growing state in Australia, with our population set to hit 10.3 million by 2051. To ease the housing pressure Victorians are facing, we need to build 2.24 million homes in that time, including a target of 425,600 across regional and rural Victoria.

As part of the *Housing Statement*, the Government announced package of reforms to the planning system to clear the backlog of approvals and build more homes, faster.

Since that package was announced, a campaign has been launched to recruit 90 new planners to clear the backlog of approvals and we've seen industry coming forward in record numbers ready to build thousands of new homes.

For more information, visit [engage.vic.gov.au/developing-a-new-plan-for-victoria](https://engage.vic.gov.au/developing-a-new-plan-for-victoria)

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny

*"Building on our landmark Housing Statement – a new plan for Victoria will set out what our towns, cities and regions look like as we get on with building 800,000 new homes over the next decade and millions more into the 2050s."*

*"We're travelling to all corners of the state to hear from Victorians how we can address important issues like housing, affordability, jobs, infrastructure and sustainability and develop a new vision for the state."*

*"The status quo is not an option - by acting now, we can work together as a state to ensure we maintain and build on what we love for future generations."*

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