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DELIVERING MORE HOMES IN MELBOURNE'S NORTH

The Allan Labor Government is delivering more housing choice for growing communities in Melbourne's north, with construction underway on 89 new homes in Wollert.

Minister for Development Victoria Colin Brooks today announced the next phase of homes being built at the \$22 million Habitas Aurora project.

Procurement for a construction partner to deliver Koukoura Drive, which will improve access for residents and the future Business Park to the Hume Highway, is also underway.

Construction of the key access road is set to commence later in 2024 and with the aim to be completed by late 2025.

The new homes at Habitas Aurora will incorporate a range of sustainability initiatives such as recycled water, LED lighting and passive solar design to achieve a minimum 6-star energy rating.

All the homes are well-located, within walking distance to the Aurora Town Centre, local schools, open space areas and public transport - making every house a convenient place to call home.

Since the beginning of construction in 2005, over 7,000 people have moved into the Aurora community, a master-planned residential estate designed to meet the needs of Melbourne's growing north.

The Labor Government's bold *Housing Statement* reforms are creating the conditions for 800,000 new homes to be built of the next decade, where people want to live – close to jobs, transport and public services.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Development Victoria Colin Brooks

"Housing becomes more affordable when you build more homes, which is why we're pulling every lever at our disposal to ensure 800,000 new homes get built over the next decade."

"We're boosting housing supply in a growing community in Aurora that's well serviced by shops, transport, schools and open spaces."

Quote attributable to Member for Thomastown Bronwyn Halfpenny

"The development of Koukoura Drive is an exciting next step for the Aurora housing project which will be an important piece of infrastructure for residents and visitors of the growing community."