

Media Release

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NEW HOMES IN NORTH MELBOURNE READY FOR RENTERS

Every Victorian deserves a safe place to call home and the Allan Labor Government is continuing to deliver new homes for those who need them most.

Minister for Housing Harriet Shing today opened the newly completed Abbotsford Street development in North Melbourne which has boosted social housing on site by 13 per cent.

Part of the Labor Government's record investment in housing to deliver modern, safe and secure homes for vulnerable families right across Victoria – the development replaced 112 outdated dwellings with 127 contemporary and sustainable social housing homes.

These new one, two, three and four-bedroom homes are modern and energy efficient, meaning renters will be warmer in winter and cooler in summer, while saving on their power bills.

Delivered through a partnership between Homes Victoria, MAB Corporation and HousingFirst the project supported more than 480 jobs during construction.

The development includes publicly accessible green space and is close to North Melbourne Primary School, tram lines, Royal Park and the hospitals and health services along Flemington Road.

The social housing stage has reached completion with renters to be welcomed to their new homes in the coming weeks. Additionally, 17 market townhouses will be completed in the coming weeks.

The Abbotsford Street project is in addition to the government's nation-leading \$6.3 billion investment in social housing through the Big Housing Build and Regional Housing Fund.

With 10,000 homes underway or complete right across Victoria, and nearly 5,000 households moving into brand new homes, the Labor Government is driving action at every stage to plan, approve and deliver more homes than ever before.

When complete, this investment will deliver more than 13,300 new homes for Victorian families, with at least a quarter of these in rural and regional Victoria.

Victoria continues to lead the nation in housing approvals and completions, with the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics data showing we had the highest number of building approvals in the country, and we're leading the nation when it comes to home completions over the past 12 months.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Housing Harriet Shing

"Our record investment in social and affordable housing is providing homes for Victorians who need them while also creating thousands of local jobs."

Quote attributable to Member for Northern Metropolitan Sheena Watt

"These 127 homes will provide safe, modern and stable housing for Victorian families, in a great spot close to schools, transport and services."

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