



## ABOUT SOCIAL HOUSING

### Driving economic recovery, building jobs and addressing disadvantage

#### WHAT IS SOCIAL HOUSING?

Social housing is secure and affordable rental housing for people on low incomes with housing needs.

Some homes are 'public housing' (owned and managed by the State Government), while other homes are 'community housing', which is managed by not-for-profit community groups and regulated by the state government.

Both forms of subsidised housing are called 'social housing'.



#### WHY DO WE NEED SOCIAL HOUSING?

*Access to good quality, affordable housing is fundamental to wellbeing. It can help reduce poverty and enhance equality of opportunity, social inclusion and mobility (OECD 2018).*

Housing that is safe, secure and affordable is good for our health. It is associated with better outcomes in health, education and employment, as well as economic and social participation.

For some people and families, the high rents in our communities are costing so much that there is very little money for food, bills and everything else.

No person should have to make the really tough choice between paying for basics like food or medication or paying the rent.

Without stable, secure housing, particularly vulnerable people are unlikely to get access to the support they need to participate more fully in their community.

Building more social housing is about health, fairness and strengthening our communities.

#### WHO OVERSEES WHO LIVES IN SOCIAL HOUSING?

The state government manages a central waiting list for social housing. Households on really low income are eligible to register.

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

allows people to pay for other basic needs,  
**REDUCING** incidence of  
**NEGATIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES** like malnutrition, diabetes, anxiety & depression.

A place where we feel **SAFE & COMFORTABLE**  
 with **CLOSE & CARING RELATIONSHIPS** can improve physical & mental health.



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### HOW MUCH DOES SOCIAL HOUSING COST?

Social housing rents are based on income; usually around 25% of a household income. Household income is regularly reviewed and rent is adjusted so that if a household earns more, they pay more.

### HOW MANY PEOPLE NEED SOCIAL HOUSING ACROSS VICTORIA?

The waiting list is very long – over 45,000 households, including over 29,000 children across Victoria.

This means that around 45,000 households are struggling to make ends meet. These households are at risk in their health, at school and in our community.

### DO WE HAVE SOCIAL HOUSING ACROSS THE G21 REGION ALREADY?

We already have thousands of social housing tenants living across the G21 region. There are already 3,600+ homes that are subsidised by the government to assist people on really low income.

These are people and families looking for a hand up, not a hand out. Social housing gives people opportunities they wouldn't otherwise have. It enables people to retrain for work, or move to an area where there are more jobs, or live with dignity where a member of the family has a disability.

### HOW MUCH SOCIAL HOUSING DO WE NEED?

We have a significant shortage of social housing. The current 3,600+ social housing homes in the G21 region are nowhere near enough.

The five G21 municipalities have researched the unmet need for social housing and identified a need for over 5,800 more social housing homes to be built.

### WHAT ARE WE DOING?

The five G21 municipalities agree that we need to build more social housing across our region.

In our region the state government are planning to spend at least \$215 million on social housing across the region - \$180 million in the City of Greater Geelong alone.

G21 and the five Councils in this region are working together to plan for these new houses and jobs; to ensure this major investment in our community will benefit those most in need.

### SHAPING THE BIG HOUSING BUILD IN THE G21 REGION

The State Government is aware of this unmet demand and is investing \$5.3 billion in what is called the "Big Housing Build". The plan is to build thousands of homes across Victoria, including our region. Around \$215 million has already been allocated in our region and work is underway to build more homes.

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**25%**  
OF INCOME  
TO RENT

**HOUSEHOLDS  
REQUIRED**

**45,000**  
ON THE WAITING LIST  
IN VICTORIA

**5,898**

**SOCIAL HOUSING  
PROPERTIES**

**NEEDED**  
IN THE G21 REGION

**BIG  
HOUSING  
BUILD**  
will **SUPERCHARGE**  
**VICTORIAN'S**  
**ECONOMY** generating

**\$6.7b**  
in economic activity

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For more information, please go to <https://g21.com.au/project/social-housing-in-the-g21-region/>

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