

# New funding for social housing projects

In response to COVID-19, state governments have announced new funding for social housing to build new homes, secure construction jobs and stimulate economic growth.

## Victoria

Under the Victorian Government's \$2.7 billion Building Works package, the Government has allocated \$500 million to public and community housing. The package will begin construction within six months and provide:

- Funding for Aboriginal Housing Victoria sites in Hampton Park and Dandenong
- \$35 million for upgrades, maintenance and repairs of existing Aboriginal social housing.
- 12 new homes

## NSW

As part of the NSW Government's \$2.3 billion COVID-19 stimulus package, \$60.5 million has been allocated for delivering maintenance works and upgrades on public housing properties, including 50 per cent in regional NSW. The Government has also allocated \$13.5m to the Aboriginal Housing Office with a focus on improving living conditions and reducing cost of living pressures for Aboriginal tenants in regional and remote NSW.

Under the NSW Government's Planning System Acceleration Program, the Ivanhoe Estate in Macquarie Park infrastructure project has been accelerated, and is expected to create 950 new social housing homes.

## WA

The WA Government has announced a \$319 million Social Housing Economic Recovery. The funding package will include:

- Refurbishment of 1,500 public and community houses
- Maintenance of 3,800 existing regional dwellings
- Construction of an estimated 250 new homes

Announced 8 June, the plan was scheduled for immediate roll out, and is expected to support 380 jobs over two years. A second stream of work is anticipated in 2020-21.

## Tasmania

Under the Tasmanian Government's \$3.1 billion construction blitz, \$100 million has been allocated to construct up to 1000 new social houses over the next three years



The Government has also announced the bringing forward \$14 million in previously announced funds to deliver 220 new fast-tracked social houses by 2022, a year earlier than planned.

The QLD, NT and ACT governments have not yet made any announcements on new funding for social housing.

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