



# Media release

## LA Environment and Planning Committee

### Call to boost social housing and promote housing diversity in regional Victoria

The Legislative Assembly Environment and Planning Committee has called for collaborative solutions to promote regional housing supply, in a report tabled today in Parliament.

"Regional Victoria is growing, vibrant and full of opportunity, and we must ensure that housing supply keeps pace with this momentum," said Committee Chair Juliana Addison.

The Committee found that an expanding and ageing population, a stock of traditionally large homes and the growth of short-stay rentals have contributed to the rapidly increasing demand for housing in regional Victoria.

"Across regional communities, the pace of housing supply is not meeting demand, especially for smaller homes close to services," Ms Addison said.

"Factors such as infrastructure delivery, skills shortages and high construction costs can affect the rate of residential development."

The report contains 12 findings and makes 34 recommendations to the Victorian Government to address housing supply in regional Victoria.

Recommendations include sustained and targeted funding for social housing in regional Victoria, providing greater investment in rural and regional infrastructure, and incentivising the training and retention of regional planners and tradespeople.

The Committee also found that Aboriginal Victorians face additional barriers to accessing secure housing. It recommended aligning social housing investment with the implementation of Mana-na woorn-tyeen maar-takoort, a First Nations led housing and homelessness framework.

"We encourage the Victorian Government to consider our findings carefully and partner with local governments, developers and the community housing sector to enact our recommendations," Ms Addison said.

The Committee received 118 submissions and held 5 days of public hearings, including in Colac, Traralgon and Ballarat.

The report is available on the Committee's [website](#).

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