



Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee

Inquiry: Inquiry into the Rental and Housing Affordability Crisis in Victoria

Hearing Date: 22 August 2023

Question[s] taken on notice

Directed to: Mornington Peninsula Shire Council

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1. **Sarah Mansfield, page 57**

Question Asked:

What public housing and community housing is being delivered and what is required over the next four or five years. If we could have concrete numbers on both public and community housing.

Response:

The below data has been reported for our LGA of Mornington Peninsula, however data sources can also be used to extract statewide data for Victoria.

Homes Victoria data shows that as at the end of June 2023, a total of 11 social housing projects delivering 34 new homes on the Mornington Peninsula (26 homes completed, and 8 homes underway), with a total value of \$11.5 million.¹

Victorian Housing Register (VHR data) can be used as a measure of the demand for public housing, however this data is not totally accurate or reflective of true demand for public housing. One the one hand, applicants can list up to 5 different location preferences, therefore there may be duplication/double-counting of applicants across different areas ('broadbands'). Conversely, people who are in need of social housing may give up and not make an application, as they do not see it as an option worth pursuing due to the huge waitlists for public housing.

Mornington Peninsula Shire has two broadband locations on the VHR – Mornington Peninsula and Westernport. The most recent data (March 2023) shows that there are 4,270 applicants on the waiting list across the two broadband areas. There is currently 1,397 social dwellings in total across Mornington Peninsula and Westernport broadbands.²

¹ [What's happening in my area | Homes Victoria](#) Accessed 7 September 2023.

² [Applications on the Victorian Housing Register \(VHR\) | Homes Victoria](#) Accessed 7 September 2023.

The study [Quantifying Australia's unmet housing need](#), also shows that there are 3,900 homes needed on the Mornington Peninsula (measured by the number of households not living in appropriate housing on Census night).³

Across Victoria, the Housing Peaks Alliance is advocating for 6,000 new social homes to be built each year over the next decade.⁴

Chris Munro, Manager Community Partnerships

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³ [Social and affordable housing: needs, costs and subsidy gaps by region | City Futures Research Centre \(unsw.edu.au\)](#) Accessed 7 September 2023.

⁴ [Make-Social-Housing-Work framework.pdf \(chp.org.au\)](#) Accessed 8 September 2023.