

# A long-term plan for better housing

*Our Housing Future 2020-2030*



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The State Government has a new 10-year plan that marks the beginning of a better housing future for South Australia. *Our Housing Future 2020-2030* is the strategy to modernise our State's housing, homelessness and support system.

## What is the new housing strategy?

*Our Housing Future 2020-2030* is a long-term strategy for a better housing future for South Australia. It includes 33 actions under five clear strategies. These will be the foundation for systemic and sustainable change that will:

- ✓ boost the supply of affordable housing by creating an environment that drives greater affordability, sustainability, accessibility and innovation, and attracts investment into our communities and regions.
- ✓ reduce and prevent housing stress by increasing housing supply where it is needed and demonstrate to potential buyers that home ownership is achievable.
- ✓ boost employment and growth across the state including supporting hundreds of jobs in the construction and development sectors.
- ✓ modernise the social housing system so that it better suits our changing tenant profile and provides stable housing to those who need it most, under a more sustainable service model for the future.

- ✓ reform the homelessness system so that it is better integrated and focuses on outcomes that improve housing and life opportunities for people who need more responsive and tailored support.
- ✓ support well-functioning and inclusive communities including strategies for housing pathways that join up the housing and support systems with other government and partner services and investment opportunities.

## Who will benefit from the strategy?

The benefits from *Our Housing Future 2020-2030* will be spread throughout South Australia.

The strategy will deliver 20,000 affordable housing solutions. This will provide significant stimulus to the residential construction industry, driving economic activity and supporting hundreds of jobs for South Australians. Importantly, it will help people previously unable to break into the housing market to buy a home.

Creating more affordable housing will reduce pressure on social housing and provide pathways for people to aspire to other housing opportunities. This is supported through training and employment opportunities for social housing customers. The creation of inclusive communities across the state will benefit everyone who lives in them.





### Who is investing in the strategy?

The success of the *Our Housing Future 2020-2030* strategy will be driven by partnerships between housing customers, industry, government and non-government organisations.

To kick start partner and sector investment into the state's housing future from not-for-profit and private industry, the state government is immediately committing an investment of about \$550 million, including:

- **\$453 million** into new social and affordable housing supply;
- **\$75 million** in capital maintenance to address suitability of existing public housing stock;
- **\$20 million** to support innovative housing trials where there are clear gaps in the system, with the aim of generating further investment through partnerships.

### Who is responsible for delivering the strategy?

SA Housing Authority is the state government agency responsible for leading many of the initiatives within the *Our Housing Future 2020-2030* strategy and will have an ongoing role in implementation over the next decade. However, the success of the strategy will rely on all partners across the housing sector working together to address shared housing challenges. This will include all parts of the housing sector, including government and non-government agencies, and the private sector.

There will also be further consultation with a broader range of stakeholders – including customers – for specific actions as the strategy is progressively implemented over the next decade.

### How to get involved

The release of *Our Housing Future 2020-2030* is by no means the end of the process. Nor does it try to resolve all housing challenges immediately. Rather, it is a catalyst for sustainable change and a foundation to build on over the next 10 years, to achieve far reaching positive impacts for future generations.

The strategy will be an evolving plan. It will be reviewed regularly to ensure it responds effectively to changes in the housing system.

There will be various opportunities to get involved as the strategy is rolled out. More information will be provided throughout 2020.

To read *Our Housing Future 2020-2030* in full, visit [www.housing.sa.gov.au/ourhousingfuture](http://www.housing.sa.gov.au/ourhousingfuture)