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BOOST FOR LOCAL JOBS AND HOUSING IN HAWKESBURY

Construction is due to commence in January 2021 on a \$5.47 million housing renewal project in the Hawkesbury that will deliver 15 new social homes and support 27 jobs while bolstering local spending on businesses and trades.

The project at Sunnyside Crescent is one of about 50 projects being delivered under the NSW Government's \$400 million Fast Track Housing Construction Package, to help boost economic recovery from COVID-19 in local communities throughout the State.

Hawkesbury MP, Robyn Preston, said the government's investment was accelerating the construction of new social housing in the region to support jobs and income for local businesses, tradespeople and apprentices.

"This housing renewal project at Sunnyside Crescent is supporting local vulnerable people who need the security and protection that goes with having a new home," Ms Preston said.

"This \$5.47 million investment is also benefitting the local economy and community by prioritising local spending and providing local jobs that'll help keep a roof over the heads of other local families and food on their tables."

Minister for Water, Property and Housing, Melinda Pavey said the \$400 million fast-track package will deliver more keys in doors for new social housing while generating greater security for the construction industry.

"We're not just building hundreds of new homes throughout NSW to support disadvantaged and vulnerable people, we're also creating critically important jobs to support people and businesses who need them, both in the NSW construction industry and broader economy," Mrs Pavey said.

"This investment is also being backed by a priority initiative to fast-track project approvals so that shovels are in the ground faster."

The Sunnyside Crescent project will see four ageing properties replaced and transformed into modern homes, comprising 13 two-bedroom townhouses and two one-bedroom villas, both of which will be capable of being adapted for wheelchair access.

Under the \$400 million Fast Track Housing Construction Package, \$250 million will be used by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) to accelerate around 50 projects over the next two years to deliver about 580 new social homes throughout regional and metropolitan communities.

The other \$150 million has been committed over the next three years for LAHC to accelerate the place-based redevelopment projects at Airds-Bradbury and Claymore in southwest Sydney, delivering more than 500 new social homes and around 1,000 new land lots for sale to build new private homes.

Overall, this timely \$400 million investment announced in the recent NSW budget will create an estimated 800 direct and 1,200 indirect jobs before and during construction.

LAHC is also implementing a \$200 million maintenance stimulus program to upgrade more than 3,500 social housing dwellings and support more jobs for local tradespeople.

This adds to the \$47 million announced in April and delivered by LAHC, which supported 500 jobs and has provided works to improve more than 2,200 dwellings and another 200 buildings, grounds and complexes in NSW.

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