

Kick-starting the Australian construction sector in partnership with community housing providers

Australian community housing providers are ready to partner with government to help re-start the economy and deliver vital housing for vulnerable Australians struggling with housing costs.

Through a survey led by CHIA, Australian community housing providers have identified potential development projects which would deliver over 12,500 new homes over the next 5 years if supported by government investment.

Projects include social and affordable rental housing and homes for sale. The mix of tenures in developments will in part be determined by the level of government support for the projects.

Stage 1 of the identified development projects could see building commence on over 6,000 new homes within 6 months.

Momentum can be maintained over the medium and longer terms, with project commencements identified by the community housing industry which could deliver:

- Nearly 3,500 new homes starting March -September 2021
- Over 1,500 new homes starting September 2021 - March 2022
- A further 1,500 new homes starting from March 2022 ¹

Based on modelling by SGS Economics for the full Social Housing Acceleration and Renovation Program (SHARP), shovel ready projects in the pipeline could support 7,000 full time equivalent jobs across metropolitan and regional areas.

The full four-year SHARP program to build 30,000 social housing homes would support up to 18,000 full-time equivalent jobs a year.

¹<https://www.communityhousing.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/SHARP-Full-Report-1.pdf?x65959>

Table 1: Summary of dwelling commencements by timeframe

	Within 6 months	6-12 months	12-18 months	18 months to 5 years	Total
Metropolitan areas	4516	3055	880	957	9408
Non-metropolitan areas	1620	373	613	539	3145
Australia-wide	6136	3428	1493	1496	12553

Table 2: Regional breakdown of dwelling commencements by timeframe

Region	Within 6 months	6-12 months	12-18 months	18 months to 5 years	Total
ACT	91				91
Greater Sydney	3813	284		161	4258
Rest of New South Wales	1146	60		374	1580
New South Wales	4959	344		535	5838
Northern Territory		20			20
Greater Brisbane	149	551	90		790
Rest of Queensland	250	50	86		386
Queensland	399	601	176		1176
Metropolitan Adelaide	161	367	314	605	1447
Rest of South Australia			10	107	117
South Australia	161	367	324	712	1564
Greater Melbourne	302	1853	476	191	2822
Rest of Victoria	224	243	517	58	1042
Victoria	526	2096	993	249	3864