

Media Release

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Committee welcomes affordable rental homes

Committee for Ballarat today welcomed the announcement that 200 new homes would be built in Ballarat to provide affordable rental properties.

Committee for Ballarat Executive Chair Mr Tony Chew said 'this initiative would provide relief for lower and middle income families in Ballarat's very tight rental market.

Bringing 200 additional rental properties into the market will help provide good quality and affordable rental options, making a significant contribution to wellbeing for Ballarat's residents.'

Mr Chew expects that providing the additional new rental housing would also have a knock-on influence in providing additional access to the existing housing stock for low income families and people.

'Any new construction in this part of the housing market will provide more options, raise the expectations of what quality should be provided for lower income families, and make a contribution to better wellbeing and lifestyles.'

'We sincerely hope that every effort has been made to ensure construction is by the region's builders, and all aspects of the fit-out will use locally sourced good and services.'

'The construction of these dwellings will provide an additional benefit through a boost for construction and economic activity in Ballarat and the region, Mr Chew said.

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