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# **Community housing welcomes Budget commitment**

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The Community Housing Industry Association has welcomed the Albanese Government's 24-25 Budget commitment to housing and homelessness.

CEO Wendy Hayhurst said:

“Australia is grappling with arguably the most difficult housing challenge in a generation. Additional investment to help women experiencing domestic and family violence is both vital and welcome - it is not tenable to house people fleeing violence in tents.

“The extra infrastructure funding for social housing in the new five year agreement with the states is also a very welcome addition.

“In the years ahead we plan to continue working with the Commonwealth to deal with the deep shortage of social and affordable housing Australia confronts. The current shortfall of 640,000 homes will not resolve itself and there is a pressing case to double the Housing Australia Future Fund.

“Community housing organisations have already submitted plans to build an additional 26,000 homes this year alone with plans for a further 34,000 in the pipeline. With appropriate resourcing we can make a real dent in Australia’s housing challenge.

“We look forward to the release of a long term housing plan later this year that will help solve the crisis.”

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