

ACT GOVERNMENT

# **GROWING & RENEWING PUBLIC HOUSING *PROGRAM***



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# How Will We Grow And Renew The Portfolio?

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## ADDITIONS (1,400)

- Build around 700 new dwellings on demolished sites
- Build around 420 new dwellings on vacant purchased land
- Purchase around 140 dwellings
- Delivery mechanism for 140 dwellings TBD

## SUBTRACTIONS (1,000)

- Sell around 700 dwellings
- Demolish around 300 dwellings

# Tenant Relocations – Progress To Date

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- 662 households have been engaged
- 360 households have been relocated/ relocating over 2+ years
- Current success rate is below 50% - despite different strategies
- Approximately 4,125 currently approved for Housing Assistance.
- 481 applicants on the Priority Housing Waitlist.

## Required Relocations

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- Following three different phases (approaches) over 2 years, Ministers agreed to Required Relocations in 2021.
- Established Growth & Renewal Inclusive Partnerships (GRIP)
- Created new SOPS, Communications toolkits, risk analyses, etc. in partnership with GRIP.
  
- Began communications with 320 tenants and sector in February.

## The Client Profile

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- 48.3% are over 60 years old;
- 24% are over 70 years old;
  
- 38.82% women living alone
- 25.52% women living with dependants
- 29.60% tenants - identified physical disabilities
- 11.63% tenants - identified non-physical disabilities
- 9.06% tenants identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

## Where we are today

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Tenant Relocation Stats	
Tenancies referred to the Program	720
Tenant's agreeing to relocate and awaiting suitable property	108
Discretions granted	12
Tenants successfully relocated or relocating	360
Notice to Vacates Issued PTD	0
Evictions PTD	0

## Required Relocations: The Approach

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- Significant support through:
  - Dedicated Tenant Relocations Officers
  - Direct tenant communication through phone calls, meetings, and letters delivered by the Tenant Relocation team.
  - Community supports
  - Growth & Renewal Inclusive Partnerships (GRIP)
- Staggered approach with multiple opportunities to relocate with choice, clearly demonstrating eviction as last resort.
- Discretion may be provided/sought. Factors: age, background, personal circumstances, illnesses and property intention.
- Tenant Relocation Exemption Panel (TREP) established.

# The Exemptions Process

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- An existing process – 9 already granted pre-Panel
- Engaged with GRIP and HRC to develop:
  - Practice guide
  - Panel operation, membership and participation rights
  - Factsheets
  - Communications collateral
- First TREP met 16 June 2022 to engage existing applications from April
  - All tenants given choice of which panel they attend
  - Housing calls in advance to ensure tenants are ready and if they are requiring supports



# Questions

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