



## Our vision

A city that offers quality, affordable and accessible housing to a diverse community.



## Our goal

To increase the supply of appropriate, accessible and affordable rental housing in the municipality of Melbourne.

## Our priorities

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### Deliver more affordable rental housing on City of Melbourne-owned land

We will use City of Melbourne-owned land to increase the supply of affordable rental housing. We will trial and showcase alternative and innovative housing models and partner with key stakeholders across sectors to achieve the best possible development outcomes.

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### Advocate for systemic change and new and ongoing investment for better affordable housing outcomes

We will advocate for fundamental changes to the way affordable housing policy is approached and funded to achieve significantly more housing and better outcomes for everyone.

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### Facilitate more affordable rental housing through the planning system

We will facilitate the delivery of more affordable housing through the review and strengthening of planning processes, policy and resources.

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### Partner with governments, industry, peak bodies and the community to increase affordable rental housing

We will increase the provision of affordable housing by facilitating strategic partnerships and maintaining ongoing dialogue across different industry sectors, including all levels of government, property developers, community housing organisations and the local community.

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### Respond to the COVID-19 crisis with affordable rental housing

We will partner and advocate for affordable housing in the recovery from COVID-19.

**“Affordable housing is housing, including social housing, that is appropriate for the housing needs of very low, low, and moderate-income households”**

Planning and Environment Act 1987

PRIORITIES	ACTIONS
1. <b>Deliver more affordable rental housing on City of Melbourne-owned land.</b>	<p>1.1 On land that is owned by the City of Melbourne, up to 25 per cent of all future residential development should be affordable housing, with potential to increase this in urban renewal areas where appropriate.</p> <p>1.2 Lease a City of Melbourne-owned site to a community housing provider to deliver a long-term affordable rental housing project in the next five years, seeking funding through Victoria's Big Housing Build.</p> <p>1.3 Commit a City of Melbourne-owned site for a supported housing project to address homelessness in the next five years.</p>
2. <b>Advocate for systemic change and new and ongoing investment for better affordable housing outcomes.</b>	<p>2.1 Advocate to the Victorian Government to develop an ambitious 10-year 'Homes Victoria Strategy', to support Victoria's Big Housing Build. This strategy should include clear affordable housing targets and a tangible approach to achieving them.</p> <p>2.2 Advocate to the Victorian Government for a review of Clause 22.03 Floor area uplift and delivery of public benefits in the Melbourne Planning Scheme and 'How to Calculate Floor Area Uplifts and Public Benefits, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning'.</p> <p>2.3 Advocate to the Australian Government to deliver a long-term National Housing and Homelessness Strategy. This should commit to systemic change in the housing market and increase funding for affordable housing.</p> <p>2.4 Advocate for a special agreement for Melbourne on Affordable Housing, such as a City Deal.</p> <p>2.5 Advocate for the private sector to deliver innovative and diverse affordable housing options.</p>
3. <b>Facilitate more affordable rental housing through the planning system.</b>	<p>3.1 Develop a corporate policy on affordable housing as it relates to the development of new dwellings on private and public land.</p> <p>3.2 Strengthen and clarify the City of Melbourne's position on affordable housing within the Melbourne Planning Scheme.</p> <p>3.3 Partner with the Victorian Government to deliver a priority planning approval process for affordable housing developments.</p> <p>3.4 Develop a centralised internal process for recording affordable housing outcomes.</p>
4. <b>Partner with governments, industry, peak bodies and the community to increase affordable rental housing.</b>	<p>4.1 Partner with the Victorian Government to develop the Social and Affordable Housing Compact, as part of Victoria's Big Housing Build.</p> <p>4.2 Investigate a special purpose entity to manage affordable housing contributions, in partnership with other councils and the Victorian Government.</p> <p>4.3 Continue to work with other local governments to establish opportunities for affordable housing development, including the inter-council affordable housing forum.</p> <p>4.4 Partner with the development and community housing sectors, peak bodies, governments and the community to deliver more affordable housing.</p> <p>4.5 Partner with Aboriginal organisations to ensure that appropriate and relevant affordable housing options are available for Aboriginal people in Melbourne.</p> <p>4.6 Commit staff and budgetary resourcing to the ongoing delivery of affordable housing.</p>
5. <b>Respond to the COVID-19 crisis with affordable rental housing.</b>	<p>5.1 Advocate for Australian Government stimulus funding for affordable and transitional housing in response to COVID-19</p> <p>5.2 Work in partnership with the Victorian Government to support the roll out of Big Housing Build, including identifying opportunities for affordable housing projects within the municipality of Melbourne.</p> <p>5.3 Advocate for further appropriate vacant properties to be head leased by the Victorian Government to transition people into long-term accommodation within the municipality of Melbourne.</p> <p>5.4 Partner with the Victorian Government to develop a 'Key Worker 3000' initiative to secure affordable rental housing for key workers.</p>