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Opening of New Social Housing Initiative in Oakleigh

Vulnerable members of our local community will benefit from a new social housing development opened today, supported by \$17.2 million in funding from the Federal Government.

Opening the development on behalf of the Federal Minister for Housing and Homelessness, the Honourable Robert McClelland MP, Federal Member for Chisholm, Anna Burke MP today welcomed the opening of the Oakleigh development, which will offer safe and secure homes for people in need.

The new development will give peace of mind to some of the most vulnerable members of our community who are in need of a home.

“This development will provide a secure and stable home for seniors, as well as people with disabilities and people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness,” Ms Burke said.

“The building not only provides 48 units of social housing – consisting of 33 one-bedrooms and 15 two-bedrooms – but is environmentally sustainable, incorporating universal design principles, and has a six-star energy rating”, Ms Burke said.

“I would like to acknowledge the Victorian Government, EastCare Housing, Aboriginal Housing Victoria, and Wesley Harrison Information, Support and Housing, for their contributions to this project and management of this housing development”, Ms Burke said.

“Developments like these are vital to reducing homelessness, and through them we are giving vulnerable people in our local community a better future,” Ms Burke said.

The project has been funded by the Federal Government under its *Social Housing Initiative*, a \$5.6 billion investment which represents the single largest investment in social housing ever undertaken by a Federal Government.

“I am also delighted that projects like these under the *Social Housing Initiative* have supported local jobs, and helped shield Australia from the recession that hit most other economies”, Ms Burke said.

Further information about the *Social Housing Initiative* is available at the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs’ website via <http://www.facs.gov.au/sa/housing/>.

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