

More housing proposed for Cooma

The NSW Government is accelerating the delivery of more housing in regional NSW to address shortages in key locations.

On 9 February 2022, the NSW Government announced plans to deliver more housing in regional areas following an agreement established between the NSW Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) and Crown Lands.

The agreement will identify suitable Crown land across NSW to provide more housing in regional areas that are facing accommodation shortages, like Cooma.

Regional NSW is home to 40 per cent of the state's population. As COVID-19 transforms how people live and work, more families and people are moving from cities in search of affordable housing and lifestyle options.

The new agreement will allow LAHC and Crown Lands to explore opportunities to unlock land to provide more housing for key workers, social housing residents and private purchasers in regional NSW.

What is happening at Cooma?

The Snowy Monaro region is facing growing demand for housing as more people move to the area for a lifestyle change or work, such as the Snowy 2.0 project.

In the last 12 months, the need for priority social housing in Cooma has increased six-fold, with rents across all housing types going up by around 25 percent. The housing shortage is also impacting social services including teaching, health and policing.

The Hon. Paul Toole, Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW, The Hon. Kevin Anderson Minister for Lands and Water, The Hon. Bronnie Taylor Minister for Mental Health, Regional Youth and Women, Snowy Monaro Regional Council Mayor Narelle Davis, NSW Aboriginal Land Council (ALC) Chairman Danny Chapman and Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) CEO Dianne McVeity were at the 9 February announcement to witness the signing of a 'Statement of Intent' between the NSW Government, the NSW ALC and Merrimans LALC.

The Statement of Intent demonstrates a commitment to work together, along with Snowy Monaro Regional Council, to create the capacity for more than 200 future homes on land in Cooma.

The land, already zoned for residential dwellings, is located on the Monaro Highway with frontage to Polo Flat Road as well.

A mix of social, affordable and private houses are proposed, which will ease housing shortages, boost the local economy and job opportunities, and provide more people with a safe place to call home.



(L-R) The Hon. Paul Toole, Dianne McVeity, Danny Chapman, The Hon. Kevin Anderson at the site where new housing is proposed in Cooma.

Cooma Housing Development

Community update



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Next steps

We are in the early stages of the project with early investigation work underway including site survey work, geotechnical, biodiversity and heritage studies.


LHC will prepare and lodge a development application with Council in mid-2022. The development application will be placed on public exhibition for the community to view and provide submissions. Subject to planning approval, construction will start in 2023.

We will keep the community informed about opportunities to have a say.

Further Information

 <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/regional/Cooma>

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Mixed tenure homes will ease housing shortages and boost the local economy, investment and jobs in Cooma. Photo above is representative of the types of social housing the Land and Housing Corporation delivers in communities across NSW. The proposed design of social housing in Cooma will be considered as part of the planning approval process.