

PUBLIC STATEMENT

Australian Community Housing has welcomed the Federal Government's more than \$300 million investment in 520 new crisis and transitional homes for young Australians at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

Alex Raphael, National Policy Lead at Australian Community Housing, said:

"This is a significant investment in young people who need somewhere stable to live. The funding will build 520 homes and help around 13,000 young Australians over time.

"Youth foyers and supported living models combine housing with support to stay in school, training or work. Wraparound supports like this are crucial for vulnerable young people. **Community housing providers have deep experience delivering and managing this kind of housing across Australia.** Our members will build and run many of these homes and will support the young people living in them **for the long term.**

"We look forward to continuing to work with Government on critical crisis and transitional housing projects through the Housing Australia Future Fund."