



Media Response

8 August 2025

Please attribute the following response to Greater Dandenong City Council Executive Director City Futures, Sanjay Manivasagasivam:

Greater Dandenong City Council is supportive of appropriate additional housing to address the current housing crisis.

In 2024/25 Council issued planning permits for 298 new dwellings, with 83% being issued within 60 days, making Greater Dandenong one of the quickest Council's in the state in issuing planning permits.

Council assesses and issues planning and building permits which are submitted by the private sector, including developers. As such, the number of dwellings approved is dependent on the number of applications submitted to Council. Developers are also responsible for construction. It is important to note, building permits can also be issued by the private sector and their timelines for approvals vary.

We are awaiting information from the state government regarding how their housing targets were developed, and where they believe the additional dwellings can be located within the municipality. Once this information has been made available, Council is keen to work with the state government and the private sector to encourage appropriate new housing in the right locations in Greater Dandenong.

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Media Enquiry

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From The Age

It's been 12 months since the state government announced the 2051 housing targets for each LGA in Victoria and data released today by the ABS has given an early indication of which councils are on track to meet the goals based on their current approval rates.

The state government set Greater Dandenong with the goal of making room for 59,500 new dwellings by 2051.

But in the 12 months since that announcement just 489 new dwellings were approved in Greater Dandenong, according to ABS data. If the current approval rate

continued, it would result in only 12,714 new homes by 2051, falling short of the target by 39,786 homes.

I'm hoping you might be able to provide me with a statement on:

-If the council believes it can reach the 2051 target?

-What is it doing to reach the target?

- And why have only 489 new dwellings been approved in the past 12 months in Greater Dandenong?