

Media Response

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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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From Star Journal

I was wondering if the data in this article accorded with the council's own statistics: [Housing targets falling short in nearly all Victorian council areas](#)

According to your stats, how is Greater Dandenong tracking against the housing target? How many homes were built in the past 12 months?

What are the factors behind Greater Dandenong not meeting the housing target? Is there a lag in planning/building applications - and if so, why?

Does the council agree with others that the target is unrealistic - especially if Sandown redevelopment is scaled back or doesn't go ahead?

What are the council's preferred locations for the 52,500 dwellings?