

Media Response

10 October 2025

Council has no comment at this stage, we have just received the decision and we are currently reviewing it.

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Media Enquiry

9 October 2025

From ABC News Melbourne

I'm seeking comment from the council following the state government's announcement it has greenlit 164 two-storey townhouses to be built at 182 Chapel Road, Keysborough through its fast-tracked Development Facilitation program.

Are council supportive of this approval?

Or does it have concerns and if so, what are they?

BACKGROUND – State Government Press Release

More Than A Hundred Townhouses For Melbourne's South-East

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The Allan Labor Government has fast-tracked more than a hundred new townhouses in Melbourne's south-east – providing more Victorian families with a place to call home.

Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkeny has given the greenlight for 164 two-storey townhouses to be built at 182 Chapel Road, Keysborough – fast-tracked through the Development Facilitation program.

The \$56 million development will deliver a mix of two, three, four and five-bedroom townhouses, each with a parking garage. The homes will be built directly opposite Keysborough Gardens Primary School and will be close to public transport, jobs, shops and parks.

The Development Facilitation Program, streamlines the planning process for priority projects that boost investment into the economy, keep people in jobs, and create homes for Victorians.

In the past two years, the Labor Government has fast-tracked more than 5,500 homes and unlocked the supply of a further 4,750 dwellings through planning scheme amendments.

Fast-tracking homes through this pathway is part of the Government's broader strategy to boost housing supply and deliver more homes where Victorians want to live – close to transport, jobs, schools and services.

This includes driving Victoria towards becoming the nation's townhouse capital through introducing the Townhouse Code to turbocharge approvals for duplexes, townhouses and low-rise apartments.

These planning reforms are about unlocking supply, cutting red tape, and speeding up good developments – to help more young Victorians find a home closer to the things that matter to them.

The latest Australian Bureau of Statistics data shows Victoria builds more homes than anywhere else in the country – approving and completing thousands more homes than New South Wales and Queensland.

Quote attributable to Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny

“We’ve fast-tracked thousands of homes through this streamlined pathway – because the only way to make housing fairer for young Victorians is to build more homes faster.”

Quote attributable to the Member for Mordialloc Tim Richardson

“Making it easier to build townhouses close to schools, transport and jobs means more homes for families and young Victorians close to the things that matter to them – and that’s exactly what this project will deliver.”

BACKGROUND - Herald Sun story 9/10/2025

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A \$56m housing development that will deliver 164 townhouses to Melbourne's southeast has been fast-tracked by the state government.

Planning Minister Sonya Kilkenny has given the green light for the two-storey townhouses to be built at Chapel Rd, Keysborough.

The development will

deliver a mix of two, three, four and five-bedroom townhouses, each with a garage. The homes will be built opposite Keysborough Gardens Primary School and close to public transport, jobs, shops and parks.

Ms Kilkenny said the new homes, fast-tracked through the government's "development facilitation program", would boost housing options in the area.

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