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ACT Housing Strategy Year 7 Report Card

Statement

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Mr Speaker, I rise to update the Assembly on the Year 7 Report Card for the ACT Housing Strategy.

The ACT Housing Strategy was first published in 2018 to guide the delivery of homes for Canberrans over ten years to 2028 and is supported by an implementation plan and annual report cards.

The Implementation Plan was updated in early 2026 to ensure it remains current. This updated Implementation Plan outlines clear actions for the remaining period of 2026 to 2028 and forms the basis of the Year 7 Report Card.

The Housing Strategy, Implementation Plan and Report Cards are available online at the [ACT Housing Strategy website](#). The Year 7 Report Card will also be published on this website.

The Government has made significant commitments to grow public, community and affordable housing, as well as to increase housing supply more broadly since the publication of the original strategy. These include enabling 30,000 more homes and delivering 5,000 additional public, community and affordable rental dwellings in Canberra by the end of 2030, as well as our commitments as part of the National Housing Accord.

The Government has also committed growing Housing ACT property portfolio to 13,200 homes by the end of 2030.

The Report Card shows continuing progress against the 28 actions in the updated Implementation Plan, with 27 actions progressing and one (Action 26) completed.

Highlights from this year's Report Card include:

- Work is underway on urban renewal and new suburbs, Missing Middle Planning Reforms, shop-top and adjacent housing and planning reforms along public transport corridors to expand housing choice and enable 30,000 new homes.

- Growing social and affordable housing remains a central action, with 213 new dwellings added to the Housing ACT portfolio in the last financial year. Work has commenced on a comprehensive plan to guide the ACT Government's investment required to grow the Housing ACT portfolio to 13,200 homes by 2030.
- There are over 800 affordable rental homes in the pipeline with the support of the Affordable Housing Project Fund. It is pleasing to see many of these projects coming along, such as the partnership between CHC and CPCYC in Turner, which is making excellent construction progress.
- The Government expanded the Affordable Community Housing Land Tax Exemption Scheme property cap from 250 to 1,000 dwellings through the 2025-26 Budget. A lease variation charge reduction framework has also been established to support Community Housing Providers and developers who include at least 15 per cent social or affordable rental housing in their developments.
- The Government continues to engage with the Commonwealth Government on a range of funding rounds and initiatives including the Housing Australia Future Fund and the Social Housing Accelerator, securing support for more social and affordable homes in the ACT. Construction of these projects is well underway.
- The Government is also working with the Commonwealth to support home ownership through the Help to Buy shared equity program, in addition to the \$250 million investment from the Commonwealth Government to support the delivery of 4,900 homes, including 1,700 for first home buyers.
- Reducing homelessness remains a clear priority with continued investment in a range of homelessness services in partnership with the community sector including \$19.6 million in new funding initiatives for homelessness services through the 2025-26 Budget process.

- Additional investment has been made into targeted supports for identified at-risk groups, including young people, LBGTIQA+ people and older women, with exciting projects such as the Woden Youth Foyer providing 20 supported independent living units for young people at risk of homelessness.
- Action is being taken to improve housing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberrans by strengthening the role of Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCOs). For example, several properties from the Housing ACT portfolio have been transitioned to Yerrabi Yurwang to deliver tenancy support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and strengthen capacity in their workforce.

These are just some of the many highlights in the Year 7 Report Card, which demonstrates our continued commitment to delivering housing solutions for a growing and diverse community, across the housing continuum.

In conclusion, Mr Speaker, I present the ACT Housing Strategy – Year 7 Report Card to the Assembly. The Government remains committed to delivering more housing and housing choice to meet the needs of our growing city.

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