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PREMIER OPENS COMMON GROUND MELLOR STREET

A \$15.5 million affordable housing project supporting some of the most needy South Australians was officially opened in the CBD today by the Honourable Jay Weatherill MP, Premier of South Australia.

Common Ground Mellor Street is now providing housing for around 70 people – men, women and children who were previously in housing stress or homeless. It is one of five Common Ground developments in the city and nine across the State.

The new 52-apartment, seven storey development was funded by the Federal Government, the State Government and Santos, Common Ground Adelaide's foundation partner.

Common Ground Chief Executive Officer Maria Palumbo thanked the Federal and State Government, CGA Foundation sponsor Santos along with Hindmarsh Builders and Tectvs (architects) for helping bring the project to fruition.

"These homes – new beginnings for some of the most needy South Australians – epitomise what can be achieved when the private sector and all levels of government work together," Ms Palumbo said.

"A big thank you also to Le Cornu for supporting some of the most vulnerable people moving into this building with some of the essentials they need to build a new life for themselves, and in some cases, their children too."

Ms Palumbo said today was the culmination of several events marking the beginning of this new chapter for our organisation.

"Over the last few months, through our volunteer day, our thank you night and community open day, hundreds of South Australians have had the opportunity to visit Mellor Street and learn more about how Common Ground is helping people get back on their feet," she said.

Common Ground Mellor Street is the first Common Ground building to include two-bedroom apartments for single parents with children. The building is now fully tenanted.

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