

# News Release **Minister Zoe Bettison**

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## New CBD affordable housing project reaches significant milestone

Social Housing Minister Zoe Bettison has welcomed a significant milestone in the construction of new affordable homes being built in conjunction with homeless accommodation provider Common Ground.

The Mellor Street project, located in the west of the CBD, comprises 52 affordable apartments, with some specifically targeted at single-parent families.

Ms Bettison said property and construction company Hindmarsh has completed 70 per cent of the building height by the specified time, a pre-condition of government funding.

“I’m very pleased that Hindmarsh has achieved this milestone, ahead of the deadline, for this very important project,” Ms Bettison said.

“The State Government is committed to providing innovative housing solutions for low income families and the Mellor Street project is integral to this.

“It is great to see Common Ground, Adelaide City Council, the Federal Government and the private sector working with the State Government to provide South Australians with low cost housing options.”

Scheduled for completion by the end of the year, the Mellor Street project is a seven storey complex including a ground floor office and common area.

Hindmarsh’s Dwaine Bickerdike said the milestone is significant for a number of reasons.

“This has triggered the funding requirement for Common Ground, while ensuring we have the continued confidence and trust of our client and government partners,” Mr Bickerdike said.

“The spirit of collaboration between Adelaide City Council, Common Ground, the State and Federal governments, Hindmarsh and other stakeholders has made this project a reality in a very short timeframe.

Common Ground Chief Executive Maria Palumbo said the Mellor Street project will provide a home for a range of tenants who have been or are at risk of homelessness, including young single-parent families.

“This is an exciting project for Common Ground because for the first time we are providing purpose-built accommodation for single-parent families,” Ms Palumbo said.

“By helping people who are either homeless or at risk of homelessness into housing, and providing them with easy access to services and support, we are putting them in the best possible position to build a better future.”

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