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Dear <Name>

I am writing to share important news about your building at 159 Melrose Street, North Melbourne.

In 2023, the Victorian Government announced the redevelopment of 44 older social housing high-rise buildings to provide better, safer and more comfortable homes for current and future residents.

Your building at 159 Melrose Street is part of the next stage of redevelopment. This means we will support residents in your building to move to new homes that suit their needs.

We have plenty of time to plan your move together. From June, your dedicated relocation support worker will start talking to you about moving to a new home. **Between July 2026 and February 2028**, we will work closely with you to find a home that meets your needs.

If you'd like to stay close by, you will be able to look at brand new homes being built at Holland Court, Flemington. These homes will be ready later this year and your rent will be set the same way it is now.

They will have better security, new appliances, accessible bathrooms, air conditioning and heating, as well as balconies and private laundries.



Some residents may want to explore other available homes closer to family, friends or important services. There are social homes across Melbourne and Victoria that may suit your needs.

What happens next

You don't need to do anything now. In February, we'll write to you with a short questionnaire. Before the formal relocation process starts in July, we'd like to understand what is important to you and what information and support you want. We want to consult with you early, so we can understand what types of homes and connections to health and community services are needed, and if some residents would like to move together with their neighbours to apartments close to each other.

Some good things to remember

Your rights and rent settings stay the same. In your new home you will have all the same rights and protections under the Residential Tenancies Act. Your rent will be set the same way it is now, acknowledging you may also be eligible for Commonwealth Rent Assistance.

Personal support. You'll have a dedicated relocation support worker to guide you through the relocation process. You can tell us if you would like a family member, friend or adviser at any meeting you have with us. We can organise interpreters if needed.

Help with your move. We'll organise removalists, arrange connections like phone, internet and mail redirection and pay for all reasonable moving costs.

Come and talk to us

This week, and over the coming months, we'll visit your community room to answer any questions you may have. Check the notice at the community room for days and times. Tea and coffee will be provided.

If you can't make it, you can still reach us:

- visit homes.vic.gov.au
- call our dedicated support line on 1800 716 866
- speak with your local housing office.

Yours sincerely

Simon Newport

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