

# Major Concurrent 5: New thinking in regional housing

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Mission Possible: advancing social and affordable key worker housing in regional Victoria.

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Regional Housing Victoria. Est 2023

In the past....

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Victorian State Government

*BIG HOUSING BUILD*

\$5.3b on more than 12,000 properties over 4 years

25% of investment in rural and regional Victoria

Already invested more than \$1B in regional Vic

New - \$1B *Regional Housing Fund* - 1300 new homes across regional Vic

\$150 million *Regional Worker Accommodation Fund*

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Homes Vic

Supporting  
partnerships with  
local councils across  
the state

**Roger Hastrich**

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Supporting five  
councils as a region  
to collaborate on  
housing

Skills, experience and knowledge  
in regional and rural Councils

- Loads of partnership initiatives with state government
- Councils buying land and doing developments
- Councils accessing grants to build enabling infrastructure
- Arrangements for housing diversity – including tiny homes
- Councils collaborating with employers to build stuff
- The old adversarial tussle with developers is diminishing
- One Council has underwritten the development cost of housing for transitional workers

The challenges:

- Few developers
- Higher costs
- Labour shortages
- Risk aversion
- Etc, etc

**It is more difficult to build small scale projects than large scale urban projects.**

**Innovation**  
**Collaboration**  
**Creativity**

The role of RHV?

Policy & advocacy

Enabling