

# Media Release

**The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP**  
Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change  
Minister for Suburban Development



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## SUSTAINABLE HOUSING MODEL TO BE EXPANDED

The Andrews Labor Government is helping Nightingale Housing replicate its model for environmentally and socially-sustainable housing developments in Victoria.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate change Lily D'Ambrosio announced today that Nightingale Housing will receive a \$100,000 grant – one of the first to be awarded as part of the \$1 million *Social Impact Investment for Sustainability Program*.

Nightingale Housing received the grant for demonstrating that it is a not-for-profit social enterprise delivering positive environmental and social projects.

Nightingale Housing supports the development of energy efficient homes that provide significant cost savings for homeowners.

The funding will enable the sustainability measures from Nightingale 1 to be implemented and improved in the newly announced Nightingale Village, where seven of Melbourne's leading architectural practices have come together to build a Nightingale precinct.

More than 3,500 people have indicated an interest in this model as potential purchasers.

Nightingale's sustainability principles will be applied in seven buildings, as well as across the street level.

Nightingale Housing has supported the development of five housing projects using the Nightingale model's sustainability principles, and won the 2017 Built Environment Category at the *Premier's Sustainability Awards* for Nightingale 1 in Brunswick.

The Social Impact Investment for Sustainability Program is supporting investment-ready social enterprises to create new jobs and training opportunities, respond to climate change, avoid and recover waste and improve resource efficiency in the Victorian community.

For more information or to apply for a grant or loan visit [sustainability.vic.gov.au/grants](https://sustainability.vic.gov.au/grants).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

*"Nightingale Housing is leading the way in delivering a new model of sustainable and affordable housing that enriches the lives of Victorians through a better way of living."*

*"We know how popular this model is and we are working to ensure that more Victorians have access to energy efficient homes that are cheaper to live in and use 100 per cent renewable energy."*

### Quote attributable to Nightingale Housing Managing Director Jeremy McLeod

*"We are thrilled to win the Sustainability Victoria grant, as this will allow us to capture the ground-breaking sustainability initiatives in Nightingale 1, and use them to improve environmental sustainability in housing across Melbourne, specifically in our upcoming project, Nightingale Village."*

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