

**HOUSING — BUILD-TO-RENT — MIDLAND**

*Statement by Minister for Housing*

**MR J.N. CAREY (Perth — Minister for Housing)** [1.28 pm]: I rise to update the house on our government's ongoing commitment to address housing supply in Western Australia. The Cook government, through DevelopmentWA, has finalized the sale of key land within Midland's urban renewal precinct to Bluerock Projects, marking a significant step forward in our commitment to long-term housing solutions. Tuohy Garden Apartments, the latest addition to Midland's vibrant urban landscape, will offer up to 51 apartments through an innovative build-to-rent model. This initiative aims to provide secure, long-term and affordable rental accommodation, setting a precedent for future projects across Western Australia. With development approval secured, construction is set to commence in the first half of this year, with the first residents expected to move in by the end of 2025. The development will also feature 650 square metres of ground floor commercial space, further enhancing the vibrant atmosphere of Midland.

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Situated within walking distance of the future Midland Metronet station, the apartments represent a significant milestone in the revitalisation of the town centre. This strategic location is representative of our commitment to creating thriving, sustainable communities with access to essential amenities and transportation links. I am particularly excited about the innovative design features incorporated into the project that make it Western Australia's largest timber frame apartment complex. With sustainability at the forefront, the development will feature solar panels, smart metering systems and cutting-edge Powerledger artificial intelligence power trading technology. Other sustainable elements include permeable paving systems for natural drainage, low-carbon concrete and electric vehicle charging for both visitors and residents.

This project is an example of the power of collaboration between our government and private industry in delivering solutions to address housing affordability challenges. I express my gratitude to everyone involved in this project for making it a reality, and I look forward to its successful delivery.