

## SUPPORTIVE LANDLORD MODEL — REGIONS

*Statement by Minister for Housing*

**MR J.N. CAREY (Perth — Minister for Housing)** [9.10 am]: I rise to give an update on our government's progress to provide stable housing solutions for the most vulnerable members of our community. Building on the success of the Cook government's supportive landlord model, Djuripiny Mia, I am pleased that we have invested a further \$5.2 million in funding. This will play a crucial role in expanding the model to Geraldton. The supportive landlord model has already proven its mettle—delivering 75 social homes across Perth, Peel and Bunbury since its inception and currently accommodating more than 110 people who were experiencing chronic rough sleeping. This model is based on our Housing First approach, which prioritises placing vulnerable individuals into permanent housing, while providing necessary support services to address the often complex requirements that some clients may present with.

The Cook government has announced that the successful regional supportive landlord model will be extended into a number of regional centres. On 12 January, the registration-of-interest process closed for community housing organisations to participate in the regional supportive landlord model. The registration-of-interest process invited registered community housing organisations from five regions to register their interest, with non-registered Aboriginal community housing organisations also encouraged to apply, given the additional cultural expertise they are able to provide. In December 2023, Geraldton achieved a measurable reduction in street homelessness as part of the Advance to Zero campaign, joining more than 30 communities nationwide dedicated to addressing homelessness. This success follows the Mandurah Zero Project's milestone achievement in August, marking Geraldton as the second Western Australian community to achieve such progress this year. The \$5.2 million commitment is part of our broader \$49 million investment to expand this model to more regions across Western Australia.

I would like to thank the community housing organisations that make these programs possible. Their person-centred tenancy management, coupled with extensive wraparound and culturally appropriate supports, ensures the success and sustainability of these social homes. I also thank the member for Geraldton, Lara Dalton, for her advocacy and commitment to the Geraldton community. Together, these investments, along with the Spalding renewal project and major refurbishments to local housing, demonstrate our commitment to increasing housing supply in Western Australia.