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\$6.3 million boost to help our most vulnerable rough sleepers and reduce homelessness in SA

The Marshall Liberal Government will house an additional 60 rough sleepers, including in supported accommodation, under a \$6.3 million plan to help reduce homelessness in South Australia.

It follows the Marshall Liberal Government's strong and swift response to help 250 South Australians experiencing homelessness into long-term safe, stable and secure housing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$6.3 million committed over two years from 2020-21 will fund:

- The redevelopment of a portion of the Holbrooks public housing site at Brooklyn Park to provide 18 supported accommodation units, an onsite carer and case management support to assist rough sleepers with complex needs with their transition to sustainable independent housing.
- The provision of \$4 million in grant funding to Aboriginal Community Housing Limited towards the delivery of 40 targeted long-term housing outcomes in Bedford Park for Aboriginal Elders at risk of homelessness.

Minister for Human Services Michelle Lensink said the \$6.3 million injection builds on the unprecedented efforts by the Government, in partnership with service providers, to house South Australian rough sleepers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The Marshall Liberal Government is committed to better supporting our most vulnerable South Australians and this \$6.3 million boost aims to ensure we're helping those who really need our support," said Minister Lensink.

"There's been a silver lining to the COVID-19 pandemic in that the Marshall Liberal Government, in partnership with our service providers, have collectively housed 250 South Australians who were rough sleeping from temporary, hotel/motel-accommodation into long-term housing.

"To successfully help so many people so quickly off the street and into a longer-term housing is a remarkable achievement – and this is our continued aim."

At the Holbrook's site, tenants will be provided with support over a three-to-six-month period, to increase their independent living skills and secure the services they require before transitioning to independent living.

Late last year, the Marshall Liberal Government announced a new \$550 million housing and homelessness strategy, which aims to help South Australians into homeownership, prevent

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people falling into homelessness and ensure public housing is available for our most vulnerable.

The strategy is injecting hundreds of millions into the South Australian economy, providing a huge shot-in-the-arm to our building and construction industry.