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New housing coming to central Dunedin

The Government has asked Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities to renew its existing portfolio of homes, add more homes, and enable the building of thousands more homes for all New Zealanders. In Dunedin, there is an urgent need for more public housing, with 408 people and whānau currently on the Ministry of Social Development’s public housing register.

One of the ways we plan to continue to increase the supply of public housing to meet this demand is by acquiring existing sites in the city and developing them to deliver new homes, as we know a Kāinga Ora home can be life-changing and have an impact that spans generations. It means an end to homelessness and over-crowded accommodation, and helps people on low incomes who can’t currently access housing.

Kāinga Ora has confirmed an agreement to purchase a site at 48 Stafford Street, Dunedin. The 2,361m² site currently consists of a building and carparks. The site will be leased as we start planning for this new development.

We’re in the very early stages of exploring how the site could be developed to provide long-term warm, dry homes for whānau most in need of a place to call home. It is anticipated that this development will offer a range of different sized public housing to the Dunedin community.

When will these homes be finished?

We anticipate that after a comprehensive design, approvals, consenting, site clearance and construction process takes place, homes will be ready for people to move into in late 2026.

Who will live in the new homes?

This development will get more people into suitable, healthy accommodation. Kāinga Ora will match these new homes to individuals and families on the Ministry of Social Development’s Housing Register, with the highest priority for a home of that size and in this location.

Questions?

If you have any questions, concerns or want to talk with us, please get in touch. If you are the resident but not the owner of your property, please pass this information on to the owner for their information.

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