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Victoria's cladding removal program on track

The Victorian Government is making people safer from the risk of combustible cladding, with projects complete or underway on 200 of Victoria's highest-risk residential buildings.

The Government's \$600 million world-first program, managed by Cladding Safety Victoria, works with the owners of buildings assessed to be at the highest risk, providing funding and practical support to remove and replace combustible cladding on external walls with a non-combustible alternative.

Cladding Safety Victoria reached its target of 200 buildings underway or complete on June 30, just under two years from the Victorian Government's announcement of the initiative. Of these buildings:

- 46 projects have been completed
- 154 projects are in design and construction
- An additional 53 buildings have signed funding agreements and will be progressed during the remainder of 2021.

Cladding Safety Victoria Chief Executive Dan O'Brien thanked owners, residents and a wide range of dedicated building practitioners for joint efforts in what are essentially 200 different building projects. "These projects rely totally on cooperation from everyone involved," he said.

"We will continue to work with owners of the highest risk buildings because that is the best way to reduce risk for Victorians overall."

For more information about the program visit: www.vic.gov.au/cladding-safety.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Planning, Richard Wynne

"Victoria is leading the world in its response to this global problem."

"We have set ambitious targets and we have achieved a lot in a short time. Cladding Safety Victoria will continue its focus on providing assistance to the owners of the highest risk buildings."

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