

Northern lights

1150 extra homes for north-eastern suburbs

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THE Lightsview residential development in Adelaide's north-east will more than double in size to more than 2100 dwellings by 2018.

The State Government has signed off on approval for an extra 1150 homes on the 45ha of vacant land opposite the current development near Northgate, 8km from the city.

House-and-land packages for two-bedroom homes will start from \$275,000, in line with the 15 per cent affordable housing policy, while buyers can expect to pay from \$119,000 for a block of land.

Housing Industry Association executive director Robert Harding welcomed the announcement, saying "it's a fast-growing area and there's still a significant demand for property".

The expansion will take the number of dwellings from the existing 1000-home plan to about 2150. "One of the concerns we have had with the Lightsview development is, although overall we are supportive of it, there has been a number of restrictions placed on the style of housing ... which have been somewhat restrictive," Mr Harding said.

"...we would hope that the joint developers (Land Management Corporation

and CIC Australia Ltd) would take that into consideration when setting the encumbrances for the new development."

There is a compulsory minimum six-star rating for all homes and recycled stormwater is to be provided for toilets, gardens and to the reserve.

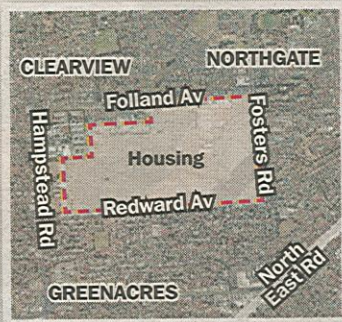
Infrastructure Minister Patrick Conlon described the current development as a "great urban environment".

Precinct 2 is expected to be completed by 2018. About \$27 million in sales has been committed for Precinct 1 in the first five months of this year with 300 homes completed. It will ultimately accommodate 1000 homes with 155 retirement village houses.

New Lightsview residents Lisa Knight, 24, and boyfriend Dave Congdon, 26, support the extension of their neighbourhood. They are awaiting completion of their first home, which is in the current development.

"I think it's great that they're extending it and the plans that I've heard about so far, it sounds really good," Ms Knight said. "I'd love to see them extend the sense of community they've got going on right now (as well)."

Being 8km from the city is Ms Knight's favourite aspect of the property beside the affordable price tag, design and environmental aspects.



EXCITED: Dave Congdon and Lisa Knight are looking forward to moving into their new home and welcome the extension of their neighbourhood.

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