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# Unlocking Lucknow for housing development

**Investing in updated drainage infrastructure can unlock 600 new homes and address existing flooding concerns in a growth area of Bairnsdale.**

### Why drainage investment is needed

The Victorian Government housing targets for East Gippsland are 11,000 new homes by 2051. Up to 600 of these new homes are planned for Lucknow, East Bairnsdale.

With suitable land selected and approved for building houses, the area needs upgraded drainage to support safe and resilient new housing and protect existing housing. Without these drainage upgrades, the land will remain prone to waterlogging and flooding.

The drainage solution will also deliver downstream environmental benefits to the Gippsland Lakes.

### Our community is asking for

\$3 million investment from the Victorian Government to deliver drainage upgrades in East Bairnsdale, unlocking housing supply. The infrastructure is designed and shovel ready.

- Construction of a modern, engineered drainage network.
- Implementation of stormwater management infrastructure, including new drainage basins, pipes, and water-sensitive urban design elements.
- Upgrades to local drainage systems to manage increased runoff and reduce flooding risk.

### Background

The Lanes Road precinct in Lucknow is the future location for up to 600 new homes. In readiness for this housing development, Council has been leading a program of work including technical evaluations and planning to support full implementation.

Over time intensified rainfall events associated change are resulting in localised flooding affecting current residents, public spaces, and the broader environment which carry downstream impacts to the Gippsland Lakes, a sensitive environmental asset of critical importance to our region.

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Addressing the problem requires a modern, engineered drainage solution that meets current standards, improves environmental outcomes, and provides certainty for landowners and residents.

With Government funding support, it is estimated that the project can be delivered in full within two years.

The land is in the vicinity of well-established housing, community and sporting facilities (new and upgraded) and major regionally significant manufacturing and industrial businesses such as Patties Foods.

### More information

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