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NEW TEACHER HOUSING COMPLETE IN WILCANNIA

Minister for Finance, Services and Property, Dominic Perrottet, and the Member for Barwon, Kevin Humphries, today announced the completion of a \$1.06 million project to provide more housing for teachers at Wilcannia's Central School.

"The Teacher Housing Authority (THA) provides an invaluable service to rural and remote communities across the state," Mr Perrottet said.

"With the completion of these four purpose-built single-bedroom units in Woore Street, the THA now provides 23 residences for Wilcannia teachers."

Mr Humphries said in many remote and regional areas, there was limited accommodation available in the rental market for teachers.

"What is available often fails to meet the needs of teachers and their families," Mr Humphries said.

"Getting good teachers to the children who need them and supporting these teachers with good housing is a priority of this government."

Wilcannia Central School Executive Principal Sandra Bradley said the accommodation facilities provided by THA made her work and her staff's work easier.

"Knowing our teachers are comfortable and well supported means we can focus on delivering quality education to our students," she said.

Other THA projects provided for in the 2015-16 State Budget include four units in Coonamble and eight in Brewarrina. Both of these projects are due to be completed by June 2016.

Mr Humphries said these projects – all in the Barwon electorate and valued at over \$4.5 million – would benefit regional businesses, with local traders supplying products and services such as electrical, glass, window furnishings, fencing and plastering wherever possible.

The THA manages around 1,350 residences in 220 rural and remote communities in NSW.

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