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Bedford to build another Port Lincoln home for people with disability

Bedford and the State Government will give four more West Coast residents the chance to live independently next year, following an announcement by Minister for Disability, Jennifer Rankine today (26 August).

The home will be built as an extension of the 'Homes for 100' project – a joint venture between Bedford and the Government of South Australia – and will be the seventh high support needs home for people with disability.

Bedford and the State Government have extended the programme after recognising the considerable demand that exists for high support needs housing in the region.

The home will feature five bedrooms and house four clients with high support needs. Work has already commenced on developing a suitable design that includes a proposed terraced garden bed at the rear of the home to allow residents in wheelchairs to participate in gardening activities.

The announcement comes as Bedford Chief Executive Max Dyason attends an official 'turning of the sod' ceremony for another home for people with disability in Millicent in the State's south east.

"People with disability in regional South Australia have traditionally lacked the services needed to live independently, often necessitating a move to Adelaide," Mr Dyason said.

"We are now building a network of brand new, custom-built homes right across the state that will allow people with varied support needs to achieve independence but remain close to their families.

"We are also removing an enormous emotional, physical and financial burden on families.

"We're grateful to the State Government for recognising this need and continuing to provide ongoing support to Bedford."

Local designer John Lowe from Lowe and Redding Designs has been selected as the designer and project manager. Lowe and Redding has been a major supporter of Bedford, also overseeing the first three 'Homes for 100' houses recently opened in Port Lincoln.

The home will be built in close proximity to the three homes already constructed in Port Lincoln.

Work is expected to begin just before Christmas 2011, as soon as the existing 1970s timber-framed house is demolished

Bedford aims to complete construction and allow residents to move in by the end of the current financial year.