

Friday, 12 June 2020

Housing Choices Tasmania's Somerset Big Residential Concrete Pour

Housing Choices Tasmania, in partnership with Beardwood Pty Ltd and Starbox Architects, are undertaking what we believe is one of the largest residential continual concrete pours in Tasmania's history. Foundation slabs for 18 homes will be poured on the morning of Friday 12 June, which will consist of 275 cubic meters of concrete over a total area 1,800 square meters.

Not only is this one of the largest residential pours completed in Tasmania, but the project relies solely on local contractors and suppliers. Housing Choices Tasmania is pleased to have been able to contribute to the ongoing employment of local builders during what has been a challenging period for all. Being able to do so assists in providing an ongoing economic benefit which is particularly essential given the current financial impact of COVID-19.

The concrete is sourced in Burnie and approximately 40 crew members from Tasmania's north west will be onsite to see out the pour and associated slab works. Two concrete pumps, two concrete batch plants, ten concrete trucks and 18 trowel machines will be utilised.

Over \$100,000 is estimated to be spent while completing the concrete pour on Friday, providing a vital economic boost to the Somerset area. Hazell Bros are coordinating the pour and believe it is the largest residential pour they have done to date.

The pour itself will begin at 6:00am and conclude at 10:00am, with tradesmen finishing the concrete slabs by the end of the day.

These 18 new dwellings are being delivered by Housing Choices Tasmania under the State Government's Affordable Housing Action Plan with a financial contribution from the first round of the Community Housing Grant Program. These homes are in addition to the 80 dwellings already delivered across the north west in partnership with the state government, local councils and local contractors. An additional 28 dwellings are currently in our development pipeline. Housing Choices Tasmania is also on track to deliver a further 39 dwellings in the south of the state.

This continues to further Housing Choices Tasmania's commitment to deliver affordable housing for those who need assistance the most throughout the state with the ongoing support of Government and our valued stakeholders.

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