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Housing Choices Tasmania welcomes the Government's commitment to long term Agreements with the Community Housing Sector

Housing Choices Tasmania welcomes the announcement by the State Government of the 20-year extension to the current Residential Management Agreements with community housing providers.

We have long advocated for this approach and are excited to see this positive development by Government. This extension, until 2040, will enable Housing Choices Tasmania to commit to a long-term pipeline of construction activity, continue to invest in upgrading existing stock, continue to provide exemplary tenancy management and community development services and, most importantly, provide certainty to our residents.

It will enable us to work with our construction partners to provide a level of certainty of workflow for them and their subcontractors – all of which contributes to the economic stability of the local community.

Combined with the management transfer of a further 2,000 public housing properties to the four community housing providers, the capacity to leverage additional finance and therefore deliver more social housing across Tasmania is now possible.

We also welcome the announcement of a further funding round that will inject an additional \$22 million into the provision of much needed social housing.

"The combination of these three important elements allows us continue to support the Government in achieving its objectives relating to providing affordable and well-located housing for those who are most vulnerable. This objective is core to the work that Housing Choices Tasmania does every day and aligns with our mission. We know the pressures that are currently impacting on the housing market in Tasmania and this is a great leap forward to start to alleviate these," said Kim Bomford, General Manager, Housing Services (TAS).

"Housing should be viewed as essential infrastructure which contributes to both the local economy and to our community. Without this essential infrastructure people cannot thrive in other areas of their lives." Ms Bomford said.



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Housing Choices Tasmania congratulates the Government on this exciting step forward and looks forward to continuing our partnership with Government during this next phase.

Housing Choices Tasmania is a provider of affordable social housing managing approximately 1,500 properties state-wide. We are a part of a national organisation and have been operating in Tasmania for close to 10 years.

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