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PUBLIC HOUSING TRANSFER TO COMMUNITY HOUSING

The further transfer of management of hundreds of public housing properties in the North West to Housing Choices Tasmania has been hailed by the community housing provider, as a big win for the local community.

The Tasmanian Government recently announced that from 8 November this year, management of 475 properties in the North West would pass from Housing Tasmania to Housing Choices Tasmania.

The move is part of the Government's Community Housing Growth Program which will increase the number of public housing properties managed by community housing providers in Tasmania from 4000 to over 6000.

"We are delighted that our contribution to social housing in Tasmania has been recognised by the Tasmanian Government in their decision to facilitate the management of additional tenancies in the North West," said Housing Choices Tasmania General Manager, Kim Bomford.

"This is a big win for residents who will quickly see the benefits of our approach to the work we do.

"We have a very positive relationship with our existing 1,600+ residents across the state and we're looking forward to delivering a great level of service to our new residents."

Housing Choices Tasmania's most recent Resident Satisfaction Survey showed a satisfaction rate of 87% by residents of the not for profit provider, which has been working across Tasmania since 2010.

As a result of the State Government's progressive approach to the Community Housing Sector, Housing Choices Tasmania will also enter into a new Residential Management Agreement until 2040 – a 20 year extension on the current Agreement.

With that certainty, Housing Choices Tasmania will be recruiting 12 additional staff across the state, expanding its Contractor base and securing long-term, service-delivery partnerships.

In addition, Housing Choices Tasmania will deliver a pipeline of new social housing, including an additional 59 dwellings under the new Agreement.

Housing Choices Tasmania is one of the largest community housing providers in Tasmania. It is part of Housing Choices Australia, a leading national not-for-profit housing association which manages over 7,000 properties across Australia, including in Tasmania.

Residents with questions about the North West transfer can contact Housing Choices Tasmania by calling 1300 312 447 or visiting the website at www.housingchoices.org.au/residents/tasmania.

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