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Housing Choices Tas to take over management of 475 homes on the Coast



Close to 500 public housing properties in the North-West are set to change into the hands of [Housing Choices Tasmania](#) from November 8. The change is limited to management only, with no plans for Housing Choices to take over the ownership of the 475 properties.

It is a continuation of the state government's [Community Housing Growth Program](#), and brings the number of properties managed by HCT to over 1600.

HCT General Manager Kim Bomford said no residents would be displaced in this process.

"The transfer is exactly as it sounds. No one is displaced, it is come as you currently are," Ms Bomford said.

Properties involved in the transition span from Smithton and Stanley to Devonport, broadening the range of housing managed by the not-for-profit significantly.

On the topic of Rent Assistance, which Housing Choices tenants qualify for unlike Housing Tasmania tenants, Ms Bomford said the money would be split across providing property maintenance and repairs and facilitating "more of a tailored service" for tenants.

"Every cent of revenue we provide goes back into the delivery of service," Ms Bomford said.

She said this also included community development funds and events to minimise social isolation, staff employment and engagement opportunities for residents, with all spending publicly available in their annual reports.

HCT has already begun engaging with tenants impacted by this management change, with more resident registration sessions planned.



Kim Bomford

Ms Bomford said she believed this transfer would be smooth, aided by the strong relationships the organisation already has through existing contracts.

"The benefit is we're already pretty well known in the North-West," she said.

"We're looking forward to delivering a great level of service to our new residents."

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