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## Message from the CEO Homes Tasmania

Dear colleagues

I have decided to step down from my role as the CEO Homes Tasmania and will be finishing on Wednesday, 11 February 2026.

Having the opportunity to lead Homes Tasmania as the inaugural CEO to deliver housing and homelessness assistance to Tasmanians in need has been one of the privileges of my career.

My commitment to housing is unwavering and fuelled by each good news story I hear: [Sophie](#) about to move into her new home with the help of MyHome, [Julie](#) who moved into her new unit at Queens Walk, or [Hayden](#) being his own person at the Trinity Hill Y2I facility.

I am delighted that during my tenure I have delivered the first 20-year Tasmanian Housing Strategy with its ambitious vision to end homelessness.

I am proud of our work already achieving over 45 per cent of the Government's 10 000 homes by 2032 commitment.

Compared with other jurisdictions, Tasmania is delivering a high share of new social housing per capita – demonstrating that Homes Tasmania is effective despite market limitations.

Homes Tasmania and its partners have grown the state's social housing stock by 10.5 per cent since 2016, almost double the national average of 5.5 per cent.

Almost six per cent of all new social housing built nationally in 2023-24 was delivered in Tasmania, even though our population represents only about two per cent of Australia.

Tasmania has already achieved 618 Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF) allocations. Under Round 1, 469 of these homes are being delivered by Tier 1 community housing providers Loreto Community Housing and Housing Choices Tasmania.

Homes Tasmania has successfully led Tasmania's bid under HAFF Round 2 that will bring an additional \$92 million into the State to help build 165 new social and affordable rental homes. These homes will be delivered in partnership with community housing providers to ensure Tasmania brings in maximum Commonwealth funding. We are now preparing for HAFF Round 3 touted for release early in 2026.

And we have made numerous improvements to how we deliver our housing assistance, including our Property Maintenance Contractor Panel, Builders Panels, and the participating builders for the Huntingfield Land Release.

The improvements made in partnership with the specialist homelessness sector, through the implementation of the co-designed Housing Connect 2.0, are already making a meaningful difference in people's lives as indicated in the AIHW's SHS annual report this

month. More holistic support has reduced the need for multiple support periods and a positive downward trend in unmet requests over the past two years.

And the numbers of Tasmanians supported into home ownership with MyHome has increased each year, with 162 purchases in the first year, increasing to 273 purchases in 2023-24 and 381 purchases in 2024-25.

As you may be aware, the Tasmanian Government has committed to implementing the recommendations of the Crawford Review of Homes Tasmania, which aim to provide more clarity to the governance arrangements for the housing system in Tasmania.

This includes the structural realignment of the existing policy functions, regulatory responsibilities, and system stewardship from Homes Tasmania to the Department of State Growth.

It is now time for Homes Tasmania to transition to its next stage of development, acutely focused on direct delivery. And with this transition, it is an opportunity to open the authority to new leadership that will steer this course.

It has been a pleasure working with you and an honour to work for the improvement of the lives of Tasmanians as the inaugural CEO of Homes Tasmania.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

Regards, Eleri.