

FACT SHEET

Housing Land Supply Amendment Bill 2021

The Housing Land Supply Amendment Bill 2021 (the Bill) proposes amendments to the *Housing Land Supply Act 2018* (the HLS Act). The purpose of the HLS Act is to allow for more direct and efficient rezoning of Housing Tasmania land and surplus Government land that can be developed for affordable housing.

The Bill has been prepared to further this purpose through the following amendments to the HLS Act:

- broaden the scope of eligible government land, to include land:
 - owned by Tasmania Development and Resources prior to the HLS Act coming into effect; and
 - obtained by the Director of Housing (that was not previously eligible government land) since the HLS Act came into effect;
- enable the consideration of a Housing Land Supply Order for eligible government land within the Flinders municipality;
- deliver a more inclusive consultation process and improved transparency in the decision making processes by:
 - requiring public consultation for 28 days on all proposed Housing Land Supply Orders;
 - requiring the Minister to give more detailed reasons on how a proposed Housing Land Supply Order is considered to meet the requirements of the HLS Act; and
 - providing a clear process for the Minister to follow if it is determined to not progress a proposed Order after consultation; and
- better align the assessment criteria with the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* in relation to the current regional land use strategies and the future Tasmanian Planning Policies.

The Bill has been refined in response to two rounds of consultation, including a five week public consultation period between July and September 2021.

The amendments will enable more consistent assessment of Housing Land Supply Order applications and assist in increasing the supply of land for affordable and social housing at this critical time.