

# Media Release



## ***House of Assembly Select Committee on Housing Affordability***

**Thursday, 13 February 2020**

The Report of the House of Assembly Select Committee on Housing Affordability was presented today.

The Report finds that the Tasmanian community faces significant housing challenges. Market conditions have changed dramatically in recent years along with the introduction of short stay accommodation, leading to declining housing affordability and increased homelessness and the service system is under strain.

Committee Chair, Alison Standen MP said, "It is clear we need to work together to plan a long-term approach to policy development to ensure we can adequately provide affordable housing and healthy liveable communities."

"This should be a collective approach across governments, councils, community and private sectors," Ms Standen said.

The report offers 61 recommendations to improve housing affordability and related matters in Tasmania. The Select Committee received 37 submissions and held 5 public hearings, in both Hobart and Launceston, with 54 witnesses.

All these submissions and public hearings provided the Select Committee with a detailed understanding of the diverse range of views on and experiences of housing affordability from people in housing stress, from peak bodies, service providers, industry and researchers. This Report endeavours to reflect this range of views.

"On behalf of the Select Committee, I would like to thank all those who took the time to make submissions or provide evidence to the inquiry and for sharing their invaluable experience and knowledge at our hearings about the many aspects of housing affordability," Ms Standen said.

The report can be accessed on the Parliament's website at:

<http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ctee/House/HousingAffordability.htm>

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