

## Tiny Homes - Planning Reforms

### **Ms WHITE question to MINISTER for HOUSING, PLANNING and CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

My question is on behalf of a constituent who is a member of TASTiny, an advocacy group formed in 2023. He lives in a tiny home on wheels, a purpose built-house that costs about \$200,000 that can be moved between sites like a caravan. He informs me that there are about 200 of these dwellings in Tasmania owned by people like him who could not afford to buy a standard residential property but have been able to afford to buy a tiny home.

The challenge they face is that the planning system is applied differently across different councils in the state, with very few offering a clear pathway to obtain a permanent occupancy permit for tiny homes. Most of these tiny homes are situated on the land of friends or family, but the majority fly under the radar, living with constant fear and anxiety of eviction, permit rejections, unpredictable costs and potential repercussions for both themselves and landowners. Tiny homes offer an affordable alternative for people living in housing stress.

Will you commit to working with TASTiny and local government to develop an appropriate planning pathway for tiny homes in Tasmania so these 200 families and others who may follow them can live in compliance with the planning scheme?