



House of Assembly Select Committee on Housing Affordability

The House of Assembly has appointed a Select Committee on Housing Affordability with the following Terms of Reference:-

“Resolved, That: -

- (1) A Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers and records, to inquire into and report upon housing affordability in Tasmania with particular reference to:—
 - (a) the experiences of Tasmanians in housing stress or homelessness;
 - (b) the management of social housing and delivery of new stock by Housing Tasmania and community housing providers;
 - (c) the impact of a lack of affordable housing on the broader economic and social wellbeing of the Tasmanian community;
 - (d) the impact of a lack of affordable housing on the implementation and outcomes of other State Government programs;
 - (e) the effectiveness and limitations of current State and Federal Government strategies and services to alleviate the impact of poor housing affordability in the Tasmanian community;
 - (f) the impact of historic housing debt on the management and delivery of social housing;
 - (g) strategies to address the \$73 million maintenance liability of Housing Tasmania and community housing providers;
 - (h) the impact of population growth and market developments on housing supply;
 - (i) the relationship between housing, health and education;
 - (j) changes to Tasmania’s residential tenancy laws that could improve housing affordability, security and living standards in Tasmania;

- (k) successful strategies in other jurisdictions that could be effective in improving affordability in Tasmania; and
 - (l) any other matters incidental thereto.
- (2) The Committee shall consist of five Members, being two from the Government nominated by the Leader of the House, two from the Opposition nominated by the Leader of the Opposition and one from the Tasmanian Greens nominated by the Leader of the Greens.
 - (3) The Committee report by 15 October next.

As noted above, the committee has been ordered to report by 15 October 2019.

The Committee invites interested persons or organisations to make written submissions to the Committee, the closing date for which is **Friday, 19 July 2019**

Submissions become Committee documents. Persons making submissions must not release them without the approval of the Committee. Submissions are protected by parliamentary privilege but the unauthorised release of them is not. The Committee encourages the lodgement of submissions in electronic form. Emailed submissions must include name phone number and postal address.

Persons who wish to give confidential evidence to the Committee should contact the Secretary and request that the Committee hear their evidence in private.

Enquiries and submissions should be directed to:-

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