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Ms Rebekah Pentland MP
Member for Bass

Dear Ms Pentland

Thank you for your Constituency Question directed to the Premier, the Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP, in relation to homelessness at King Wharf Road. As this matter falls within my portfolio responsibilities as Minister for Housing and Planning, I am responding on behalf of the Tasmanian Government.

Providing safe and appropriate housing and homelessness services for children and young people is one of our Government's top priorities, and a key focus of our 20-year Tasmanian Housing Strategy. Our Tasmanian Housing Strategy focuses on ensuring the safety of Tasmania's children and young people by developing housing models that address young people's specific needs with a focus on those exiting our out-of-home care and institutional settings and supporting young people to remain living safely with their families by continuing to provide eligible social housing tenants with backyard units.

Our election commitments also included additional funding for Jireh House and McCombe House, which are shelters for women and their children, and for 100 more Rapid Rehousing homes for women and children escaping family violence. This funding will importantly include two years of funding for support workers and wraparound services.

Our Government is also continuing to deliver Youth2Independence (Y2I) supported accommodation for 16-24 year olds, providing secure homes for up to two years for young people who have previously been homeless, along with support to engage in education, training and employment. I am pleased to reiterate my offer for a visit to a Y2I facility within your electorate of Bass, to see first-hand the valuable work being done within these programs.

Thank you again for your Constituency Question. I trust that this information is of assistance to you and to your constituents.

Yours sincerely



Hon Felix Ellis MP
Minister for Housing and Planning

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