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Tasmanians working together to deliver more homes and a brighter future for our children

Today we are celebrating the completion of the Madison House charity project which is a magnificent example of Tasmanians working together to create a brighter future for our children.

“The Madison House project has delivered a wonderful, purpose-built, three-bedroom home for a family with significant disability requirements because of the tremendous goodwill of so many Tasmanian businesses,” Minister Barnett said.

“The Rockliff Liberal Government is committed to helping Tasmanians living with disability and increasing the supply of social and affordable housing in Tasmania.

“I sincerely thank Andrew Lyden and his team at Lyden Builders for their initiative and dedication to making a lasting difference to the lives of so many Tasmanian children.

“I’d also like to give a very special thanks to the 60 subcontractors and suppliers who donated labour, materials or their time and skills to build this home.”

Through Homes Tasmania, the Government has paid market value for Madison House (around \$667,000) and retains ownership.

As a charity project, Lyden Builders are donating the complete profits from the build to Variety Tasmania, estimated to be around \$550,000. This is only possible because of the generous donations of labour and materials of all involved.

“Madison House is a tangible way that leaders in our community are helping others.

“This will make a massive difference for a family with significant disability who now has a home suited to their specific needs. It will also make a difference to thousands of Tasmanian children who will benefit from the work of Variety, the Children’s Charity of Tasmania,” Minister Barnett said.

Madison House is being delivered under the Tasmanian Government's Affordable Housing Action Plan, which seeks to improve the wellbeing of Tasmanians living with disability and their carers.

This includes new, universally designed housing and a dedicated investment of \$20 million to deliver more accessible and suitable homes for people living with disability.

Madison House demonstrates what can be achieved when Government and businesses work together to make positive change.

The Rockliff Liberal Government has a 10-year, \$1.5 billion housing package to build 10,000 social and affordable homes by 2032 - the single largest housing investment in the State's history - to help boost supply and to address housing challenges in Tasmania.