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Private Investment and Partnerships critical to increasing housing supply

The Tasmanian Government is committed to increasing Tasmania's housing supply and working together with all governments and sectors to achieve this.

Today, it was my pleasure to officially open the first stage of Birch Row, Kings Quarter in Kingston, alongside Kingborough Mayor Paula Wriedt.

Birch Row is a higher density development that sets a new standard for high quality developments in Tasmania and demonstrates the capacity of our building and construction industry in delivering greater housing choice for the residents of Kingston.

It is a great example of local government and private sector partnering to identify opportunities and delivering much needed housing developments.

Private investment is critical to increasing housing supply which is why we want to encourage projects like this that have been master-planned with residents in mind.

It also aligns with the Greater Hobart Plan and partnerships between government and the private sector to improve housing supply and diversity, and create homes and jobs close to where people live and assisting to reduce traffic congestion.

Congratulations to the developers, Traders in Purple, and their design and construction team, Conrad Gargett, LXN Architecture, Lange Design and Hutchinson's Builders on delivering the first stage of this exciting development.

Providing safe and secure housing for Tasmanians is an absolutely priority for the Tasmanian Liberal Government, and we are working hard to deliver.

Our Government has committed a record \$538.3 million to housing, with \$204.3 million this year alone.

This will include Stage 1A works at Huntingfield, 24 new independent living units at Bellette Place in Chigwell and a major redevelopment package for greater Hobart Neighbourhood Houses.

The tenders to be released this weekend are expected to support up to 369 direct construction jobs and deliver 249 lots of land and units of accommodation, strengthening our economy and increasing housing for Tasmanians.