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### Quality new homes for high needs NDIS participants

*The Rockliff Liberal Government is committed to providing and funding quality supported accommodation facilities for Tasmanians in need.*

*A new Special Intensive Support Unit (SISU) in West Launceston is nearing completion which will provide a home for two NDIS participants with high needs as well as their support staff.*

*“The \$1.3 million development was funded by Homes Tasmania specifically as supported accommodation for people experiencing mental illness and disability,” Minister Barnett said.*

*“The Tasmanian Government is committed to working with people with disability, the people who support and advocate for them and the wider community, to build a more equitable, inclusive and accessible state for all Tasmanians.*

*“After extensive consultation with those living with disabilities, the architect’s end design for the SISU is fit for purpose with NDIS tenants needs in mind,” Minister Barnett said.*

*It has functional areas to allow a sense of independent supported living with the two one-bedroom wings containing all associated facilities such as:*

- *open-plan dining, living and kitchen;*
- *separate (secure) cooking zone with glazed (polycarbonate) door;*
- *accessible bathroom design;*
- *support staff area with a bathroom, two sleepover spaces and an office;*
- *designed to allow support staff to view the tenant’s living areas from the office and sleepover areas;*
- *secure, private open space for each tenant, and*
- *landscaping for tenants to enjoy outdoor space.*

*The layout of the SISU is that of a two-bedroom group style home that provides separation of the two living quarters via a common overview area that will house support staff.*

*This is the first of four SISU projects being delivered through Homes Tasmania and construction is expected to be completed in the coming weeks.*