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Public invited to have their say on draft Housing Authority legislation

The Tasmanian Government's plan to deliver improved housing services and increased supply of social and affordable housing has taken another significant step forward today.

On 24 February 2022, the Government announced the creation of a new statutory authority, the cornerstone of our 10-year \$1.5 billion housing package that will deliver 10,000 new homes by 2032 and to create the most cohesive housing and homelessness service in the country.

The Tasmanian Government is committed to providing opportunities for community involvement in the development and ongoing review of Government policy and legislation.

Written submissions are now invited on the consultation drafts, Housing Tasmania Bill 2022 and the Housing Tasmania (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2022.

The consultation drafts make a number of changes including establishing a skills-based board for the Housing Authority and providing it with the powers and functions needed to meet the housing commitments made by Government.

Homelessness services will be a core function of the authority to ensure we meet the needs of vulnerable Tasmanians.

The Housing Authority will consolidate efforts across Government to increase housing supply, deliver more affordable homes and units, and deliver the stock of houses and the services required by Tasmanians in need.

It will also have powers and responsibilities to allow it to effectively acquire, develop and manage

housing and urban renewal projects.

The authority will commence on 1 October 2022, subject to the passage of this legislation, and will report directly to the Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing.

The business model for the Authority will ensure it remains a not-for-profit organisation and will include provisions to ensure that Communities Tasmania staff moving to the new authority retain their current employee conditions.

Consultation closes 5pm, Tuesday, 5 July 2022.

For more information and to download the consultation draft documents visit

www.communities.tas.gov.au/housingauthority