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More new homes on the way for Tasmanians in need

The Rockliff Liberal Government is delivering on its commitment to build more social housing with several new homes for vulnerable Tasmanians now complete.

Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing, Guy Barnett, said Centacare Evolve Housing has just completed construction work on six new two-bedroom units in Blackmans Bay that will be used to house priority applicants from the Housing Register.

"The units have been developed on land owned by CatholicCare Tasmania, with the \$800,000 in Homes Tasmania funding securing their use as social housing for 30 years.

"All six units have been built to the Silver Level of the Livable Housing Design Guidelines, meaning the properties ensure future flexibility and adaptability to avoid more costly modifications if required."

Built by Centacare Evolve Housing's building and construction social enterprise St Joseph Affordable Homes, tenants are expected to move in early next month.

They are built on land commonly known as 'Maryknoll', which was donated by the Presentation Sisters to CatholicCare Tasmania in 2020.

"Overall, 54 new properties – in a mix of social housing and affordable private homes – will be built on the 3 hectares of donated land. Some land will also be retained as open space," Minister Barnett said.

"These homes are part of an extensive social housing construction program being rolled out by Centacare Evolve Housing, with more than 440 units underway across the state.

"This includes more units in Home Avenue, with five two-bedroom units already completed and a further 14 two-bedroom units due for completion between March and October 2023.

"These homes are all part of our ambitious, \$1.5 billion plan to deliver 10,000 new social and affordable homes by 2032, helping to put roofs over the heads of our most vulnerable. We are currently on track to build 1,500 dwellings by June 30 with 800 completed by the end of February."

"We are getting things done and building Tasmania's future."