



## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Housing costs lower under Liberals, higher under Labor and the Greens**

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This week's focus on the cost of living has revealed that housing will be cheaper under the Liberals and higher under Labor and the Greens.

Under our plan:

People building their first home are eligible for a \$20,000 bonus

Stamp duty has been cut on house and land packages

We are investing an additional \$125 million into affordable housing to provide 1,500 new homes

Stamp duty for first home buyers will be cut in half for properties less than \$400,000

And yesterday we announced changes to land tax to increase the number of homes available for long term rentals.

Not only that, a re-elected majority Hodgman Liberal Government has a plan to reduce power prices by \$200 per year on average and to reduce water and sewerage bills by \$110 per year.

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On the other hand, Labor and the Greens want to tax the family home and the family shack. They want higher energy and water and sewerage prices, they will have to cut services to pay for their promises and we know that if history has shown us anything, it's that jobs always disappear under Labor-Green minority governments.

Burying home owners in higher, or new, taxes won't work. If anything, it will reduce housing options and increase the cost of living for many Tasmanians.

Labor and the Greens can't be trusted. Only the Liberals have a clear plan to address the real issues affecting Tasmanians.

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