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The Tasmanian Government believes all Tasmanians deserve a roof over their heads and we are absolutely committed to making inroads to the current housing challenges.

Simply put, we need more houses and we need them faster and this will be the core focus of our new Homes Tasmania authority.

That is why the Government has made a record commitment of \$1.5 billion over 10 years – the largest housing investment in Tasmania's history – which will deliver 10,000 social and affordable homes for Tasmanian who need them most, working closely with the sector and our building and construction industry.

Through the forward estimates, the Government will provide a record \$538.3 million of capital investment, with \$204.3 million this year alone.

This Saturday we will be opening an EOI process for our Community Housing Growth Program seeking proposals to partner with us to build over 200 additional, new social housing dwellings.

The value of this EOI is estimated at \$45 million and is a huge program of work that will see social and affordable houses and dwellings built across the State for over 200 Tasmanian families.

We're inviting Community Housing Providers, Not-for-Profit organisations or Local Government organisations who have experience in building or managing social housing to work with us.

This program provides \$180,000 in grant funding per dwelling towards the construction of new social houses and will build the asset base of Community Housing providers.

An important focus of this EOI is focusing on projects that are ready to start construction, so we can deliver homes faster. Funding shovel-ready projects as the development and planning phase has already been completed in most cases. This will ensure houses come out of the ground faster for those on our social Housing Register.

We're also keen to see proposals that will increase density on land owned by the State and shared equity proposals.

Unlike Labor, who wax lyrical about the housing problem but have zero solutions and oppose everything the sector is supporting to build more houses, we are getting on with the job - \$45 million worth of social housing going out this weekend.