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Homes Tasmania acquires prime land for more housing

The Rockliff Liberal Government is focussed on delivering for Tasmanians and caring for our community by ensuring Tasmanians have a safe and affordable accommodation.

To provide more homes, faster, we need to increase supply of land for residential housing and accommodation options.

- "Today, I'm pleased to announce that Homes Tasmania has acquired the site of the former Springvale Hostel in New Town," Minister Barnett said.
- "This 3700m2 site is ideally located for housing, being close to services, education and work opportunities.
- "Developing this site is consistent with our Greater Hobart Plan, activating urban renewal and redevelopment along the Northern Suburbs Transit Corridor.
- "It provides a great opportunity for mixed-tenure and density infill to meet the growing demand for housing diversity, such as townhouses and apartments, while also providing housing for our vulnerable.
- "The site of the former Springvale Hostel has been identified as surplus to the needs of the Department for Education, Children and Young People. This property transfer is just one example of government departments and agencies working together to deliver more housing options for Tasmanians in need.
- "Our government is also working closely with the local government sector to identify ways to increase land supply for housing and improve housing outcomes and access for Tasmanians.
- "Homes Tasmania is now working with its architects to determine the most suitable use for the site, which will include safe, secure social housing to meet the needs of our most vulnerable. Consultation will occur as the project progresses," Minister Barnett said.

This project will form part of the Rockliff Liberal Government's massive 10-year, \$1.5 billion housing package – the largest housing investment in the State's history.

Our plan will deliver 10,000 new social and affordable homes and units by 2032 to meet the diverse housing needs of Tasmanians, including youth, the elderly, those living with a disability, men, women and families.

We also set an ambitious target to deliver 1500 social and affordable homes by June 2023 and we are tracking well with over 800 of these homes completed as at the end of February 2023.