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Building more homes and building the workforce of the future

The Rockliff Liberal Government is looking at innovative ways to increase the supply of social and affordable housing for vulnerable Tasmanians, while also building our skilled workforce.

The Tasmanian Budget 2023-24 invests \$4 million over six years into Build Up Tassie, a free work-readiness program for anyone aged between 16-24 looking to enter the construction industry.

Build up Tassie is a program run by Centacare Evolve Housing and St Joseph Affordable Homes which helps vulnerable young people into work, while building affordable homes.

“The key to addressing Tasmania’s housing challenges is to increase supply and we need many more skilled trades to build these homes,” Minister Barnett said.

“Our investment in skills and training will also assist young Tasmanians to reach their potential.

“The Tasmanian Government has a \$1.5 billion plan to deliver 10,000 new social and affordable homes by 2032. We also set an ambitious target to deliver 1500 social and affordable homes by June 2023 and we are tracking well with,

“Homes Tasmania has already delivered 969 homes towards our goal of 1500 homes by June 2023 as part of our ambitious \$1.5 billion program of 10,000 social and affordable homes by 2032, many of which Centacare Evolve Housing and St Joseph Affordable Homes has supported us in building.

“The Tasmanian Government already has strong relationships with Centacare Evolve Housing and St Joseph Affordable Homes as not-for-profit housing providers and Build Up Tassie is a great extension of that partnership,” Minister Barnett said.

“The Build Up Tassie project is a fantastic program because it gets more social and affordable homes out of the ground faster and it also helps train young men and women in building and construction – which is a real win-win.

“We will be asking the Federal Government to match our commitment of \$4 million over 6 years to help more Tasmanians into jobs and more Tasmanians into homes.

The Rockliff Liberal Government is building a strong, safe and secure future for Tasmanians which is under-pinned by a broader plan to provide more homes for Tasmanians.

The Rockliff Liberal Government is proud to be delivering the most ambitious social and affordable housing program in the State's history and partnering and supporting our construction industry in the process.