



TASMANIAN HOUSING STRATEGY

Communique

The Minister's Housing Reference Group has been convened to provide advice to the Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing (the Minister), the Parliamentary Secretary and the Tasmanian Government on cross-sector and collaborative approaches to improving housing outcomes in Tasmania.

About the Housing Reference Group

The functions of the Housing Reference Group are to:

- advise the Minister and Government on challenges being experienced in the market now and the opportunities, including those presented through the Government's existing policies, to in addressing them
- support the Government in developing actions to implement its strategy for housing, including cohesive support services and increasing housing affordability and supply
- provide collaborative advice and solutions with an outcome focus, with the shared objective of ensuring every Tasmanian can have the opportunity to live in safe, secure and affordable accommodation and
- provide advice on other matters relating to housing and homelessness as requested by the Minister.

The Housing Reference Group contributed to the development of the Tasmanian Housing Strategy Discussion Paper and are providing advice that will feed into the Tasmanian Housing Strategy.

Building on the outcomes of the inaugural meeting, its second meeting on Wednesday, 21 September 2022, focused on demand modelling and presentations by members on improving planning and infrastructure schemes.

This communique provides an overview of the issues discussed at this meeting.

Meeting date: 21 September 2022

DEMAND MODELLING

The Reference Group discussed the key evidence base needed to ensure that all planned and committed social and affordable housing was delivered when and where it was most needed.

It was noted that recently released Census data is a critical input into demand modelling and that work on demand modelling should prioritise a framework that can help guide future demand analysis and decision-making.

PROPOSALS BY MEMBERS

Infrastructure Contributions Scheme

The Local Government Association of Tasmania presented its proposal on an infrastructure contributions scheme that could help fund basic and essential infrastructure for new and growing communities.

The Infrastructure Contributions Discussion Paper can be downloaded using this link -

[Infrastructure Contributions Discussion Paper \(lgat.tas.gov.au\)](https://lgat.tas.gov.au)

Planning approvals timeframes

Community housing providers, Centacare Evolve Housing and Housing Choices Limited, presented an overview of issues to help identify planning approval challenges impacting social housing developments.

Key issues identified were time delays and increasing costs and their corresponding effect on delivery of much needed homes.

HOMES TASMANIA BILL 2022 UPDATE

The *Homes Tasmania Bill 2022* was passed by the House of Assembly in August 2022. As Parliament was prorogued due to the passing of Her Majesty the Queen, debate will resume when Parliament resumes from Tuesday, 27 September 2022.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Housing Reference Group includes:

The Minister (Chair)

Parliamentary Secretary for State Development, Construction and Housing

TasCOSS

Shelter Tasmania

The Local Government Association of Tasmania

Colony 47

Anglicare

CatholicCare

Centacare Evolve Housing

Community Housing Ltd

Housing Choices Tasmania

Mission Australia Housing

St Vincent de Paul

The Salvation Army

Hobart City Mission

Launceston City Mission

Housing Industry Association

Master Builders' Association of Tasmania

The Property Council of Tasmania