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The Committee Secretary
Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth
PO Box 6021
House of Representatives, Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary for the Committee Inquiring into homelessness legislation,

Re: Tasmanian Services support and endorsement of the National Submissions from Homelessness Australia and National Shelter to the House of Representatives Inquiry into Homelessness Legislation

Shelter Tasmania Inc, as the not-for-profit peak body for housing and homelessness in Tasmania, welcomes the opportunity to contribute, via our National Peak Bodies submissions, to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth Inquiry into the content of the homelessness legislation.

The Specialist Homelessness Services in Tasmania and Youth Network of Tasmania have provided input, via web submissions and special forums, through Shelter Tasmania to the five areas of particular concern in the terms of reference of the House of Representatives Committee inquiry.

The Specialist Homelessness Services represent the four regions of Tasmania; north, north west; south east and south west. The services also represent the full diversity of people experiencing homelessness; including women, children and families, men and youth needing crisis and transition housing services.

The services involved were:

Anglicare Tas, Bethlehem House Men's Assistance Centre, Centacare Tas, Hobart City Mission Transitional Support Services, Colony 47 Outreach Support Services, Jireh House, McCombe House, Karinya Young Womyn's Shelter, Launceston Women's Shelter, Oakleigh House, Warrawee Women's Shelter, West Coast Crisis Accommodation Referral Service, Youth and Family Focus Accommodation Service, Mission Australia, Wyndarra Centre, Launceston City Mission, Burnie Youth Accommodation Services, Youth Futures, Annie Kenny, Huon Domestic Violence Services, Mara House, Salvation Army Supported Housing, Youth Accommodation Services Tas and the peak for the youth sector, the Youth Network of Tasmania.

Shelter Tasmania Inc has also supplied the Tasmanian response to the submissions from Homelessness Australia and National Shelter, as the affiliated national peaks, and supports their submissions. If you require any further information or would like to follow up on any specific comments or details from the Tasmanian Homelessness Sector, please contact Shelter Tasmania.

Yours sincerely

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