

An inclusive vision for Macquarie Point – Shelter Tas congratulates Hobart City Council

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Shelter Tas, the peak body for housing and homelessness services in Tasmania, congratulates Hobart City Council on last night's decision to encourage affordable housing in the planning scheme for the Macquarie Point development.

"It is great to see Hobart City Council affirming its strategic commitment to affordable housing in these planning amendments. Hobart City Council is leading the way to facilitate diverse and affordable housing", Shelter Tas Executive Officer Pattie Chugg said.

"Successful development includes socially valuable outcomes, and we look forward to seeing more opportunities like this throughout Tasmania. Along with the State Government's Tasmanian Affordable Housing Strategy, we encourage the State Government to include a commitment to affordable housing in the one planning scheme for Tasmania", Ms Chugg said.

"Housing providers, builders, developers, designers and planners who operate across different council areas all have a part to play in providing affordable housing for the Tasmanian community and a Statewide approach will provide consistency for everyone. Support in legislation will provide clarity for councils who seek to encourage affordable housing. Tasmania can be a world leader in well-designed communities, just like our excellence in the arts, culture and tourism", Ms Chugg said.

"We thank our colleagues at Tenants' Union and the Environmental Defenders office for their commitment and collaboration, and we thank all the councillors for their dedication and hard work in making this positive step. Of course there is more to be done, but this aspirational start is very promising", Ms Chugg said.

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