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**LIBERALS IGNORE TASMANIAN AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS**

With Hobart now Australia's least affordable metropolitan area in proportion to income, increasing numbers of Tasmanians are unable to access affordable housing.

The average middle-income Tasmanian household is in rental stress, currently paying about 30 per cent of their income just to put a roof over their head.

If elected, Labor will build [250,000 new affordable homes](#) across Australia to address the estimated [520,000 shortfall of affordable rental properties](#).

This will see homes built throughout areas of high need right across Tasmania, not just a handful in Hobart as promised by the Liberals and Andrew Wilkie in their secretive deal last week.

While Tasmanians struggle with housing costs, the Liberals' focus remains on preserving unsustainable and unfair tax concessions for wealthy property investors.

Under the Liberals, the housing market is failing renters, first-home buyers and people at risk of homelessness.

Home ownership is at record lows, rental stress is preventing young people from saving for a home deposit and homelessness is skyrocketing.

Last year, the median rental price for a house in Hobart rose to \$420 per week, up 15 per cent or \$55 per week.

In the North West, there has been a 45 per cent drop in advertised rental properties since 2017.

Tasmanian homelessness services are unable to keep pace with growing demand with unmet requests for assistance increasing to 25 requests each day, up from 21 the year before.

And almost one in five homeless Tasmanians are more than 55 years old.

Labor's plan will see the largest federal investment in housing since WWII.

These properties would be available to rent to eligible Australians - including those on low and moderate incomes - taking pressure off budgets and helping people save.

A family paying the national rental average of \$462 a week could save \$92 a week under Labor's plan.

Consistent with Labor's commitment on major infrastructure projects, one in ten jobs during construction and maintenance of properties will go to an Australian

apprentice.

This will build the capacity of the community housing sector, boost employment and address the profound shortage of affordable housing in Australia.

Labor will also invest \$88 million through a new Safe Housing Fund to increase crisis and transitional housing options for women and children fleeing family violence.

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