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## Community Housing Experts Gather in Tasmania

Shelter Tasmania, the peak body for the housing and homeless sector is holding a Community Housing Forum on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of November at the Salamanca Inn in Hobart. “Trends, Tenants, Transfers” will bring together key stakeholders from around the country to discuss the most pivotal and rapidly expanding area of social housing.

“Tasmania is leading the nation in the growth of Community Housing” said Shelter Tas executive officer Pattie Chugg.

“Tasmania is currently undertaking a transfer of 4000 public housing properties to the community sector for management. Some have already been transferred in Clarendon Vale. Properties in Bridgewater and in areas in the North and NorthWest of the State are to follow shortly.

Community Housing provides flexibility, diversity and supported long-term accommodation. It is a welcome, model of affordable housing for Tasmanians” Ms Chugg said.

“Now is a really important time to be talking about what Tasmania would like the community housing sector to look like in the future. This is why we have invited leading community housing researchers and practitioners to contribute to this forum. In addition, local housing providers and policy makers and community housing tenants will be presenting their experiences of community housing in Tasmania and their plans for the future”.

Guest Speakers include:

Professor Kath Hulse, Swinburne University

Peter White, Director of Housing Tasmania

Dr Tony Gilmour, President of the Australasian Housing Institute

Maree McKensie, CEO Homes North NSW

Carol Croce, EO Community Housing Federation of Australia

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