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Tas Youth Housing and Homelessness Group Welcomes Budget Announcement of Youth Accommodation Facility in Devonport

The Tasmanian Youth Housing and Homelessness Group welcome the State Government's commitment to young people with the budget announcement of **six million dollars** to build a supported accommodation facility for youth in Devonport.

"There is dire need for a long-term supported youth facility in the North West. Our members have been calling for this type of accommodation for some years and we are pleased to see the government responding to the needs of young people in this region", said TYHHG Chair Pattie Chugg. "We know that when young people have access to the right accommodation and support they are more likely to maintain positive social engagement and succeed in education and employment."

The Devonport Youth Accommodation Project will see the construction of about 25 independent units with communal facilities and consulting rooms for young people aged 16-25 years who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Five units will be designed for young people living with disability.

"All young people in Tasmania need appropriate secure accommodation and support, and this new facility provides equity for those in the North West, following the success of Thyne House in the North, and the Trinity Hill facility currently under construction in the South," Ms Chugg said.

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