

## **Hobart Greens' Housing and Homelessness statement**

### **Hobart: Everybody's Home Tackling Housing and Homelessness in Hobart**

"Our community prides itself on caring for each other. Yet we are being tested currently: people in Hobart are struggling to find accommodation to rent or buy. This in turn creates a lack of diversity all cities desperately need.

Housing is a fundamental human right. Too many of our community are falling through the cracks. Current problems include whole houses being converted from long-term to short stay accommodation, tax breaks giving an unfair advantage to investors, properties left vacant, and land in residential areas not being used to increase housing supply.

The Greens are working at all levels of government to advocate for homes for our community. At Town Hall, we have been working hard to stop short stay accommodation from eroding housing supply.

There is more to do, so that everyone in Hobart does have a home."

**Cr. Helen Burnet**

### **Homelessness can happen to anyone, at any time. Women aged over 55 are the fastest-growing group of homeless Australians (ABS 2011 vs ABS 2016)**

"Selling my home in my 70's I had insufficient funds to buy outright, so had to rent. The housing crisis was looming in Hobart. Nine months into my first rental, the owner wanted to spend 6 months a year in the unit himself and rent it out to holiday-makers for six months. When house-hunting, as many as 50 other people were also trying to find an affordable home. Many properties were in very poor condition but still too expensive. The cost of this housing crisis, financially and emotionally, is something that lingers on the fringes of my life even though I now have a secure and comfortable home with kind and supportive landlords." **Mary\***

### **Nearly 60% of homeless people in Australia are aged under 35 years (ABS 2016). Here's what Greens candidate for Councillor, Nathan Volf has to say:**

"As a social worker, I have seen far too many stay in homes that are unsafe. Young people will often fall out of education, develop mental health complications or experience tremendous trauma during this time. As a mental health professional who has witnessed it time and time again, it is clear to me how much homelessness can affect the health - physical and mental - of individuals who experience it".

**Greens candidate for Councillor, Nathan Volf**

\*Name changed for privacy

## The Greens will tackle the housing crisis in Hobart by:

1. Planning for People – Housing for homes - <https://tasmps.greens.org.au/green-new-deal/planning-people>
2. Providing a flexible range of housing options suitable for all stages of life  
<https://tasmps.greens.org.au/green-new-deal/lifting-tasmanians-out-poverty>
3. Curbing short stay accommodation through differential rates and planning scheme amendments: Item 6.1 [Agenda of Finance and Governance Committee Meeting - Tuesday, 26 July 2022 \(infocouncil.biz\)](#)

## Your Greens' Hobart City Council candidates

**Cr Bill Harvey for Councillor and Lord Mayor** has actively promoted the use of council land for public housing projects. Bill is particularly interested in land use across greater Hobart, and how council-owned land, especially carparks, could be used for affordable housing projects.

**Helen Burnet for Councillor and Deputy Lord Mayor** is currently Hobart's Deputy Lord Mayor. Helen has supported action on housing and homelessness, curbs on whole house short stay accommodation, encouraging the use of residential land for housing, and wants to see projects delivered, such as the Hobart Women's Shelter bid to build 50 homes for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**Nathan Volf for Councillor** is a housing & youth advocate. Nathan works with some of Hobart's most vulnerable young people.

**Bec Taylor for Councillor** is a small business owner, project manager and social worker who specialises in community development and community safety. She is passionate about building diverse and inclusive communities through sport.

**Gemma Kitsos for Councillor** is a health professional and researcher, who advocates for a more equitable society, especially after seeing first-hand how poor health and homelessness often go hand-in-hand.

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