

Within just ten months of launching Moving On as a social enterprise supporting Tasmanians in need, Colony 47 has taken home Tasmania's Leading Practice Award.

The sixth annual Australasian Housing Institute Awards Lunch was held on Thursday 9th December at the Henry Jones Art Hotel where housing professionals from around the state competed under six categories.

Director of Housing Tasmania Mercia Bresnehan was pleased to present the Leading Practice Award to Colony 47 rendering them contenders for the Australasian Awards, presented every second year to coincide with the Australian National Housing Conference.

"Colony 47 has shown real guts and a great commitment to their clients by being contestable with the private sector and setting up an appropriate vehicle to achieve their goals", Ms Bresnehan said.

The Australasian Housing Institute Excellence in Housing Awards 2010 recognised Colony 47 for its commitment to developing and delivering real benefits for clients both creatively and efficiently to achieve long-term positive results for people in housing need.

Colony 47 has partnered with Housing Choices Australia and the Tasmanian Government and now manages 350 properties under five programs.

Ms Bresnehan said, "Colony 47 are playing in the real world by the real world's rules and all in the name of the most disadvantaged in our society."

Colony 47 CEO Therese Taylor had nothing but praise for the Moving On team who have worked incredibly hard this year to build a business in a market that is fiercely competitive.

"Colony 47 created Moving On as an initiative to increase the availability of affordable housing, it has been incredibly well received and there is a great deal of support from people around the fact that all funds from property sales are reinvested into programs supporting Tasmanians in need", said Ms Taylor

CEO of Colony 47 Therese Taylor is available for interview on 0419 302 777.

