
**Colony 47 supports TasCOSS in call for
Social Action Plan**

Colony 47 supports an increase in the investment to basic social infrastructure and an increase in the responsibility of addressing the critical issues of concern to the Tasmanian community; including affordable housing, long term unemployment and poverty. These must be the priority for the State Government in 2007, to ensure a community that not only has strong economic development, but a socially responsible vision.

The Tasmanian Council of Social Service (TasCOSS) listed the affordable housing crisis, long term unemployment and intergenerational poverty and disadvantage as the major social issues requiring further Government attention. Colony 47 as a member of TasCOSS supports this call.

Colony 47 CEO, Therese Taylor, said today the Government must make investments in improving access to basic social and community services for all Tasmanians its main priority.

"Tasmania has a strong economy which the Government should utilise to prioritise and invest in community services, particularly in housing, health, child and family services and other human services. Last weeks increase in unemployment figures sends the message that more people will be potentially disadvantaged," Ms Taylor said today.

Colony 47's submission to the Tasmanian Government's 2007 State Budget has several recommendations that require the Government's attention to affordable housing, family services, settlement services and transition services for young people.

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