



**Brighton  
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## **FIRST HOME BUYER COMMONWEALTH – TASMANIA AGREEMENT A HUGE WIN FOR BRIGHTON**

Brighton is entering its next exciting phase of growth, with the agreement between Australian and Tasmanian governments under the First Home Buyers program. This agreement secures significant funding for enabling infrastructure to unlock approximately 800 homes over the coming years and creating vibrant new precinct.

Mayor Leigh Gray said the announcement reflects a coordinated approach to housing, jobs and long-term economic growth.

“Brighton has become Tasmania’s first home buyers capital and this is how we build on that success,” Mayor Gray said.

“The three tiers of government and infrastructure entities such as TasWater collaborating to seize opportunities like this is inspiring, and this provides a blueprint for growth precincts across the state.”

“Bridgewater West is the centrepiece, with capacity for more than 800 homes over time, supported by the approved Boyer Road precinct.”

Importantly, Mayor Gray said the scale of the pipeline provides certainty for the construction industry and local workforce.

“This is not a short-term project, it’s a multi-year pipeline of work for builders, tradies and apprentices,” he said.

“That certainty allows local businesses to invest, take on apprentices and build the workforce we need for the future.”

Bridgewater West is expected to generate more than \$1 billion in economic activity and has been designed as a coordinated, precinct-scale development, with planning completed, delivery frameworks in place and strong alignment with infrastructure providers.

Mayor Gray said the project also ensures major infrastructure investment, including the new Bridgewater Bridge, delivers its full value to the community.



“This is about making sure infrastructure investment translates into homes, jobs and opportunity,” he said.

Council has also recently announced it will waive rates for first home buyers, providing immediate support to help more people enter the housing market.

“We know housing affordability is front of mind for many people,” Mayor Gray said.

“Waiving rates for first home buyers is a practical step we can take now, alongside the longer-term work of unlocking housing supply.”

Mayor Gray said the combination of planning, policy and delivery positions Brighton strongly to respond to housing demand.

“This is about more homes, more jobs and a community where people can build their future,” he said.

“Brighton’s growth is not by chance, it’s the result of deliberate planning, investment, partnership, and leadership, and this is the next step in that journey.”

Council will continue working with State and Commonwealth governments and industry partners to progress enabling infrastructure and support delivery of the precinct.

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