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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Choice and quality in aged care for East Devonport

Liberal Senator for Tasmania Richard Colbeck has announced funding for improved aged care infrastructure at a high needs centre in East Devonport.

The \$428,863 grant will enable extensions, refurbishments and improvements at the Melaleuca Home for the Aged, under the Aged Care Regional, Rural and Remote Infrastructure Grants scheme.

**Senator Colbeck:** “Melaleuca provides important high-needs care for older Tasmanians in East Devonport and by investing in aged care infrastructure the Liberals in Government are improving the lives of residents and staff.

“Construction has begun and when completed these rooms will be better able to provide quality care in the kind of environment that people are increasingly choosing in aged care.

“This aged care infrastructure funding is part of our Government’s \$5 billion aged care funding boost, announced in the 2018-19 Budget, and is dedicated to improving the quality and accessibility of aged care services in regional, rural and remote Australia.”

“By delivering a strong economy and a Budget surplus the Liberals in Government are able to provide the essential health services Tasmanians deserve.

“Every senior Australian should have a dignified retirement and a comfortable place to live.

“Investing in new infrastructure will allow Melaleuca to provide their residents with modern facilities and amenities, which is key to increasing the choice and affordability offered in aged care in Tasmania.

“The shared rooms will be upgraded to private rooms, each with en suites, to make the space more functional for providing the high-level clinical care on offer here in East Devonport.

“Modern aged care design has come a long way in the 36 years since these rooms were built and the refurbishment will improve safety and comfort for residents and staff.”

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