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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Delivering 28 additional aged care beds for Northern Tasmania**

The Morrison Government has delivered funding for 28 additional aged care beds as part of the expansion of the Peace Haven aged care facility in Norwood, Tasmania.

The beds in the new Lenstan Kensington wing were opened today by Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians, Richard Colbeck.

Minister Colbeck said providing quality and choice for senior Australians in aged care is a priority for the Morrison Government.

“The Morrison Government has delivered 28 additional aged care beds for seniors in Northern Tasmania to support the extension of this important facility,” Minister Colbeck said.

“We will provide around \$7.2 million over four years in ongoing recurrent and will support quality and choice in aged care for local families.”

Member for Bass Bridget Archer said residents are able to move into the newly completed \$4 million Lenstan Kensington wing immediately.

“I am delighted that people will be able to move into the beautiful new Lenstan Kensington wing, which features 28 new rooms, each with an ensuite and kitchenette, and two new lounge rooms,” Ms Archer said.

“Peace Haven was built 33 years ago, and a lot has changed in aged care in Tasmania since then.

“The Government’s ongoing investment in this facility enables residents to enjoy their retirement in modern facilities that are custom-built to meet their needs.”

“Peace Haven has undergone extensive redevelopments over the last decade, with the Government also providing \$9.5 million in funding through two low-interest loans and a capital grant to support the capital works.”

“In Tasmania we have the highest proportion of people over the age of 70 anywhere in Australia. As a Government, we are supporting Tasmanians, having invested \$458 million in Tasmanian aged care in 2017-18.”

Minister Colbeck said the opening of the new wing was timely, with the demand for aged care on the rise across Australia.

“The number of Australians receiving aged care is expected to almost triple by 2050 to 3.5 million people,” Minister Colbeck said.

“We are building a genuinely people-centric aged care system, fully integrated and sufficiently sustainable to meet the needs of our ageing population.

“That’s why I’m so pleased to open what is not just a new wing—but also a new home and a new place for friends and family to gather.”

The Morrison Government invested \$20.5 billion in aged care funding across Australia last financial year—an increase of \$2.5 billion over the previous year.

In 2023-24, annual Government funding will be \$25.4 billion, an increase of almost \$5 billion on last year.

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