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COTA Tas welcomes proposed stamp duty rebate for seniors

Tasmania's peak advocacy body for seniors, Council on the Ageing (COTA Tas) today welcomed the announcement by Premier Giddings that a re-elected Labor Government would introduce a stamp duty concession to assist seniors Tasmanians in downsizing their homes.

COTA Tas CEO Sue Leitch says that affordable housing has long been a key issue for COTA Tas.

"The proposed \$10,000 rebate would certainly assist seniors, especially low-income pensioners, to consider downsizing to smaller, more affordable homes and potentially reduce power and energy costs, issues that were recently identified in COTA surveys as being of primary concern to Tasmanian seniors.

"Stamp duty costs can be a significant barrier to older people downsizing to housing more suitable for their needs.

"An appropriate housing design that provides easy and safe access as well as energy efficiency is a very important factor in assisting older people to stay in their own home as they age," Mrs Leitch said.

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