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Dear Friends and Supporters of Pathways

RE: Sale of Kingsholme

We wish to update you on decisions our Board has made regarding the future of Kingsholme, our 198-acre property at Ellendale, in the Derwent Valley. This beloved and richly historic property has been in our hands for about a decade; however, it is an expensive property to run, and is not fulfilling our mission or strategic objectives.

Kingsholme was once the home of the pioneer to our drug and alcohol program (now called *Velocity Transformations*, based in Moonah), then called *Live Free Tassie*. Historically, this property was entrusted to *Teen Challenge Tasmania Inc* in 2010 by *Young Aussie Enterprises Inc*. Young Aussie renovated this property and used it for youth camps and other ministry activities. Prior to Young Aussie, the property was operated by YWAM and then *Kingsholme for Healing Inc* as a mercy accommodation centre. The property was originally purchased in 1983 by Reg and Athlene Chopping, prominent community leaders since the late 1960s.

Pathways owns the property free-hold, and since *Live Free* closed in 2014, Pathways has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars into its upkeep through various means. We have worked with the various volunteers on the property over this time to make it work and are mindful of the contributions towards the property by the Tasmanian community over the space of several decades, for which we are grateful. However, when measuring the outcomes from the investment of people and finances, the long-term results are not satisfying our mission to *provide pathways into a bright future for those battling addictions, who experience homelessness and mental health issues*. As we have further clarified our mission and vision as an organisation, it has become clear that without fulfilling our mission, running farms is not our core business.

Pathways tried to sell the property some years ago, in late 2014, and previous owners listed above have tried the same, but the rural property market at the time was not favourable. In 2022, the market is very different, and our clarity of mission and core purpose is very clear.

After careful consideration, the Board of Pathways Tasmania has resolved to sell Kingsholme and re-invest the resultant funds back into the programs and services of Pathways Tasmania, namely our Transformations alcohol and drug rehabilitation centre in Moonah. The funds from sale will dramatically increase our impact and effectiveness in providing new programs

and support services at our 20-bed evidence-based treatment facility that services needy adult men and women in Tasmania.

We have appointed Elders Real Estate to be our agent for the purpose of the sale, with the marketing of the property already underway. The property may be sold in part, or in whole.

An outcome from the sale proceeds is that we will set up a memorial to Reg and Athlene Chopping. We have been working with the Chopping family to set this up and are grateful for their family's support and blessing for what we will accomplish.

Sincerely,

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Nic Stephen
Board Chair

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Aldo Antolli
Chief Executive Officer