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Housing the Territory – Boosting Short Term Accommodation

The Northern Territory Government will boost short term accommodation services in Darwin and Alice Springs with Expressions of Interest called for the management of three facilities.

Minister for Housing Rob Knight today visited one of the facilities, 9 Mirambeena Street in Darwin.

“Boosting short term accommodation is an important part of building safer communities,” Mr Knight said.

“These facilities are part of the Henderson Government’s ongoing commitment to increasing access to accommodation services and tackling homelessness.”

The 26-room Mirambeena Street facility is currently being used by an aged care provider while its own facility is expanded.

Expressions of interest are also being sought for the operation of two facilities in Alice Springs – the Mount Gillen Hostel on South Terrace and 9 Priest Street.

The Mount Gillen Hostel has 11 one-bedroom units and 12 two-bedroom ground level units and currently provides short to medium term managed accommodation for women and children.

The Priest Street property has four two-bedroom units and has previously been used to provide supported and managed short term, transitional accommodation.

“The Territory Government recognises the growing need for short term and managed accommodation services, and I am sure there will be strong interest
from the non-government sector in using these facilities to deliver their services,” said Mr Knight.

“Yesterday’s release of the Australian Government’s White Paper on Homelessness by Prime Minister Rudd is an important step forward in tackling this issue across the nation.

“The Northern Territory faces unique challenges in addressing homelessness, and I look forward to continuing to work with the Australian Government to help more people move into their own home.

For more information on lodging an expression of interest, please phone 08 8941 1734. Applications will close in February.

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