Boosting Territory Accommodation

The Chief Minister Paul Henderson today announced the building of two workers villages in Darwin and Alice Springs and the auction of two parcels of land at Johnston.

“These two initiatives will provide hundreds of units to cater for the Territory’s economic and population growth,” Mr Henderson said.

“A key component of Territory 2030 is achieving greater affordability in accommodation and the two announcements today are important parts of that strategy.”

Mr Henderson said a 9.5 hectare site on crown land at Batten Road in Marrara had been identified as a likely site for a Darwin workers’ village.

“The Government wants to see the workers’ accommodation established in Darwin and Alice Springs, and is today calling for proposals to establish and operate the villages.

“The village in Darwin will cater for 200 – 250 workers, while the village in Alice Springs will house up to 100 workers needing accommodation for up to six months.

“It’s envisaged they will be true mini villages and include amenities such as ensuite accommodation, eating facilities, a store/newsagent and banking facilities. Different sorts of workers will be able to stay at the villages – such as teachers, nurses, construction workers and tradies.”

Proposals must be lodged with the Department of Lands and Planning by February 9, 2010.

Mr Henderson also announced today that two development sites in Johnston will be auctioned for medium density units next month.

“These two developments are expected two provide many dozens of units each – adding significantly to our housing stocks,” he said.

“Fifteen per cent of the units will be set aside for affordable accommodation.”

The auction will take place on Monday January 18. Interested parties should contact DPI on 8924 7263.

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