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SHORT TERM WORKERS VILLAGE TO PROVIDE MORE HOUSING OPTIONS

The Territory Government is calling for proposals to develop a workers village to provide more housing options for Territorians and workers in key service areas.

Acting Chief Minister, Delia Lawrie, said the Government was making a 9.5 hectare site on Batten Road available for the project to offer short term accommodation in the market place.

“Major resource projects such as Icthus, the Marine Supply Base and the Prison are set to drive strong economic and population growth in the Territory,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The Territory Government is committed to ensuring our bright future does not drive up the cost of living for Territorians, and has planned extensively to accommodate the influx of workers expected.

“One initiative which will provide more options in the rental market and accommodation sector will be a short stay accommodation workers village.

“Located on Batten Road, Marrara, the facility will provide an additional housing option for those people only in Darwin for a few months.

“Additional housing options will help businesses attract and keep more workers, while supporting low income earners.”

A Request for Proposal to develop and run the workers village will be issued next week.

Government will offer a 15-year lease over the site at peppercorn rent, assisting small and medium-sized businesses who will seek to attract key workers.

Services to the site can currently support 250 people but the site has capacity for a larger development.

“The resources boom is here and the Territory is ready,” Ms Lawrie said.

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