Five of the ten affordable units at the John Gorey Complex in Elliott Street in Braitling, Alice Springs redeveloped by the Northern Territory Government have been sold this weekend.

The five homes were snapped up in a ballot for eligible pre-approved home-buyers under the Government’s Real Housing for Growth scheme, which provides affordable homes for those who need a leg-up into the housing market.

“The Country Liberals Government is transforming ageing and run-down public housing stock to provide more housing options for Central Australians and the Elliott Street project is a great example of that,” said Minister for Housing Matt Conlan.

“I am delighted we have been able to make the dream of owning a home a reality for five Central Australian residents.

“Priced in the affordable range of $250,000 to $265,000, these homes mean that families and key workers can continue to live here in Alice Springs and contribute to our plans to develop Northern Australia.

“The ten newly refurbished two-bedroom properties include four ground level units and six two-storey townhouses. All properties have a backyard and are located close to facilities including transport, schools and shops.

“The remaining five properties will now be sold to eligible purchasers on a first in, first served basis, providing even more Centralians with the opportunity to take advantage of this redevelopment.

“Unlike the fly-in, fly-out Shadow Minister for Central Australia, Delia Lawrie, the Country Liberals recognise the Territory has been facing a housing crisis and we’re doing something about it. We’ve acted quickly to revitalise the once notorious John Gorey Complex after 11 years of inaction by the former Labor Government.

“As part of the Elliot street project, a further nine of the properties have already been rented to key workers for between $273 and $277 a week, which is 30 per cent less than the market rate.

“This 30 per cent rental subsidy by the Government makes a big difference to the hip pocket for these key workers and families so it is no wonder these units have been tenanted so quickly.”

The Elliott Street redevelopment is part of the Government’s Real Housing for Growth plan, which will deliver a total of 2,000 affordable dwellings across the Territory over the next three years.”

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