New service providing safe, culturally sensitive care in Tennant Creek

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The Country Liberals Government continues to make life safer for the most vulnerable children and young people in our communities.

Minister for Children and Families John Elferink said the government is proud to announce the opening of a new Community Based Children’s Care Centre today in Tennant Creek.

“This is a short term facility (up to 12 weeks) for up to six children from new born babies through to 12 years of age,” Minister Elferink said.

“This facility has been developed to provide a safe, culturally sensitive and developmentally appropriate emergency short term care option.

“This new service highlights the government’s continued commitment to direct resources to the most vulnerable children and young people in our remote communities.”

“This safe and secure local facility will deliver care within close proximity to community and family to help maintain close bonds and retain cultural ties,” Mr John Elferink said.

The facility is part of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) reform of its Out-of-Home Care services, to better meet the needs of children in the care of the government department.

DCF have allocated $300,000 in conjunction with $45,000 from the Department of Housing to redevelop this property.

The Territory Government will contribute $1.14M p.a. to operate this invaluable service.

The service provider, Lifestyle Solutions will deliver the 24 hour residential care service in a safe, supportive and culturally secure environment working with children under the placement of DCF.

Lifestyle Solutions Managing Director, David Hogg said “we are committed to providing quality support to children and families in a culturally meaning environment. In this context, this support needs a commitment from us to the community and families of Tennant Creek to ensure we work
closely together with them to keep children on country, safe and implement reunification strategies that ensure families are brought back together."

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