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### **Renal accommodation tender awarded**

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Senator Fiona Nash, Federal Minister for Rural Health, and Territory Minister for Housing Bess Price today announced a milestone has been met for the \$10 million Central Australia Renal Accommodation project.

“Today I can announce that the Central Australian Affordable Housing Company (CAAHC) has been awarded the tender to deliver social housing for Indigenous Territorians with kidney disease,” Senator Nash said.

“The Northern Territory Government is moving ahead with this federally funded project to provide accommodation for patients and reduce the financial and emotional stress at a time when they are busy fighting kidney disease.”

“This milestone is a great outcome for patients and the CAAHC will renovate at least 8 public housing properties in Alice Springs and 2 in Tennant Creek to be used as patient accommodation” Minister Price said.

“CAAHC will deliver social housing and assist to coordinate services by health providers and other agencies to better support patients while they are receiving treatment.”

CEO of Western Desert Dialysis Sarah Brown said dialysis patients and their families are looking forward to having appropriate, safe and affordable accommodation in Alice Springs and Tennant Creek.

“Patients will be pleased that this tender has been awarded to a strong Aboriginal community controlled organisation,” Ms Brown said.

“CAAHC has already met with patients and clinical staff to work out the very best way to provide sustainable and suitable housing for people who have to relocate for dialysis, often with their carers and other family members.

“Western Desert Dialysis welcome this much needed addition to the housing options for dialysis patients in Central Australia.”

CAAHC will provide tenancy and property management for the next 10 years to complement this vital project.

\$6.3 million has been provided to deliver social housing in Central Australia for Indigenous renal patients and their families or carers who need to relocate from remote communities to access treatment for end-stage renal disease.



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A further \$3.7 million has been provided for a Remote Renal Infrastructure Project involving the construction of remote clinics and nurses accommodation in Kaltukatjara and Papunya and upgrades to the Mt Liebig clinic.

The first houses are expected to be delivered in February 2017 and all properties are to be delivered before June 30 2017.

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