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Auditor General’s report highlights SIHIP is on track

A report released by the Northern Territory Auditor General today shows the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) is on track to deliver its targets.

Minister for Public and Affordable Housing, Chris Burns, welcomed the report and said he will ensure the comments are taken on board.

“We’re delivering the biggest remote housing project in the history of the Territory to help make significant improvements to the lives of people in the bush.” Dr Burns said.

“The report outlines the history of the program and the challenges of delivering this massive housing initiative.

“It also shows that the initial issues within the program have been addressed and it is now full stream ahead.

“I welcome the Auditor General’s comments because it gives further transparency and accountability around the Territory and Australian Government’s $1.7 billion remote housing program.

“SIHIP is well placed to meet its targets and achieve real improvements to the quality of life of people and address overcrowding.

“I fail to understand the Opposition who keep trying to stop us delivering this $1.7 billion Indigenous housing program.

“In their decades in government, they failed to invest money in maintaining and delivering more remote housing.

“We are making real efforts to improve the lives of Indigenous Territorians by addressing our massive backlogs in housing resulting from years of neglect.

“We’ll use the Auditor General’s Report along with the other SIHIP reviews to ensure the program achieves its targets,” Dr Burns said.

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