Construction Starts on Wirrina Redevelopment

Construction work has begun on the $40 million redevelopment of the Wirrina flats to deliver 100 new units.

Minister for Public and Affordable Housing, Chris Burns, and Member for Fannie Bay, Michael Gunner, joined project developer Sitzler on-site today to turn the first sod.

“We’re delivering more housing options for Territorians by replacing the old Wirrina flats with modern and tropical units for private, public and affordable housing,” Dr Burns said.

“This is the first mixed tenancy development in the Territory, and includes 35 units for affordable rental properties, 10 for seniors public housing and 55 for sale on the private market.

“I thank the Australian Government for their $13.5 million contribution to the Wirrina redevelopment under the Stimulus package.

“The 35 affordable units will be managed by the new Affordable Housing Rental Company that is being established with support and resources from the Territory Government.

“The Wirrina redevelopment delivers on our election promise to redevelop the site and create a better living environment for tenants and neighbours.

Member for Fannie Bay, Michael Gunner, said the Parap community is looking forward to seeing the first sod turned on the Wirrina project.

“Local residents, community, Sitzler and the Territory Government have looked at the proposed development together and come up with a great end product,” Mr Gunner said.

“The new tropical homes will consist of seven buildings each four storeys with a one, two and three bedroom units.

“There will be landscaped gardens, with large open breezeways and plenty of open space so the complex will look terrific and aim to meet 6 star energy ratings.”

The Wirrina redevelopment is now being marketed under the name Village@Parap and it is expected to be completed in the Dry season of 2012.

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