$1.6 MILLION HOUSING ESTATE OPENS IN KATHERINE

Today’s official opening of the $1.6 million redeveloped Bernhard Street complex in Katherine provides another example of Territory Housing raising the standards of public housing for its tenants.

“The NT Government recognises just how important public housing is for Territory residents to give them both a place they take pride in and one they are proud to call home,” Housing Minister Elliot McAdam said today at the opening.

“During public consultation with Housing, residents and the Police it was acknowledged that the former complex was becoming a source of concern for antisocial behaviour and vandalism.

“After this consultation it was decided that redevelopment of the complex would significantly help reduce these issues, and lead to improved living conditions for tenants.”

Grahame Biske, a long-term tenant of the complex feels very happy with the upgrade.

“I am extremely happy to be back in my unit and the complex has become very quiet since the upgrade,” said Mr Biske.

The Minister said local Katherine contractor ‘AJL Holdings’ were awarded the $1.6 million contract, involving demolition of 9 units, remodeling of 2 units into a residents recreational centre – retaining 43 units from the original 54 units.

Completion of the complex and hand back to Territory Housing was achieved earlier this year with all tenants moved prior to the redevelopment now resettled.

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