REDEVELOPMENT A LONG-TERM INVESTMENT FOR PARAP

A new seniors’ village and private homes will be built under a five-year plan to redevelop public housing sites in Parap.

Chief Minister Paul Henderson said the five-year plan will take in Wirrina Flats and Town Houses on Parap Road, the Pitscheneder Court complex and the Drysdale Street complex.

“The redevelopment is a long-term investment in the future of Parap,” Mr Henderson said.

“The current high density of public housing in Parap has created hot spots of anti-social behaviour – particularly on Parap Road – that affects residents and neighbours.

“The five-year redevelopment will see the demolition of this high-density public housing, reducing anti-social behaviour and making the suburb safer for Parap families.

“Importantly, the redevelopment will be staged to ensure residents can be placed in other Territory Housing homes across Darwin and Palmerston – no one will be left without a home.”

The five-year project will start in 2009:

- Wirrina Units and Townhouses will be demolished and the land sold as a single redevelopment project for private residences;
- $1 million upgrade and beautification of the 19-unit Drysdale Street Complex, including improved security and fences;
- Pitscheneder Court will be demolished and redeveloped as a seniors’ village with bungalow style homes, similar to those at the Fannie Bay Village at a cost of $4 million.

Overall cost of the five-year redevelopment will depend on the commercial sale of the Wirrina land.

“Government will own dedicated seniors’ housing in the public/private Wirrina development, with priority for Seniors from the redeveloped Territory Housing sites,” said Mr Henderson.

“The development will also include affordable housing for lower income Territorians.

“This project is delivering for the families of Parap by tackling anti-social behaviour, creating new housing opportunities for seniors and first home-buyers, and improving public housing.”

Mr Henderson said older Territory Housing blocks, including in Nightcliff and Karama, will be assessed for upgrading and repairs.

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