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HENDERSON’S URBAN HOUSING FAILURE  

Just a day after the Cattermole-Davies Report into SIHIP confirmed the Henderson Government has failed dismally to manage the delivery of housing in the bush, the ABS has released data highlighting its failure to deliver housing for urban Territorians.

Today’s ABS data for dwelling units approved show just 100 new approvals across the Territory for the month of July.

“The latest figures confirm that the Henderson Government will fall well short of the 1700 additional dwellings needed each year just to keep pace with expected population growth in greater Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield,” says Kezia Purick, Deputy Opposition Leader.

“The lack of approved dwellings is a direct result of the shortage of residential land for development in and around Darwin.

“As a consequence of the Henderson Government’s failure to release enough residential land, rents will continue to skyrocket in Darwin.

“Under the Henderson Government Darwin is in no danger of losing the mantle of the most expensive capital in which to rent a roof over your head.

“As a consequence of the Henderson Government’s failure to release enough residential land first home buyers are even further away from the great Australian dream of owning a home.

“The Henderson Government’s failure to drive a balanced land released policy has caught many young Territorians in a pincer movement of paying ever higher rent whilst the deposit they need for a home of their own also grows rapidly.

“It is damning that the disastrous escalation of the cost of housing has been achieved in a jurisdiction that has ample land for residential development.”

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