More Short Term Accommodation For The NT

Work has started on a Territory Government-funded project that will deliver 80 extra short-term accommodation beds for women and children in Darwin.

Minister for Housing Rob Knight today inspected the site at Christian Outreach Centre site on Crerar Road, Berrimah, with Centre Manager Mervyn Westbrook.

“This is the final stage of a $2.7 million Government commitment to expand the Centre by a total of 127 short term accommodation beds,” Mr Knight said.

“Already, 47 extra beds are in place and site work has now begun for the remaining 80 beds, delivering real results for Territorians.

“These extra beds will be an important service for Indigenous women and children who come into town for services and in many cases would have no where else to stay.”

The 80 beds will be delivered in 20 one and two-bedroom units with living areas and bathrooms.

Local company Athanasios Athanasiou Pty Ltd is constructing the units and has commenced foundation work, with full construction to commence in coming weeks.

Mr Knight said boosting short term accommodation is an important part of the Territory Government’s Housing the Territory framework.

“The Government recognises there is a real need for more short-term accommodation across the Territory, including for Territorians coming in to town for medical and other services,” he said.
“We will continue to work with the housing support sector, including through the new Housing Support Working Group, to boost their services and tackle homelessness.”

Construction of the 20 units is scheduled for completion by September this year.

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