$18M for More Remote Teacher Housing

The Northern Territory and Commonwealth Governments have awarded the tenders to deliver an $18.2 million remote teacher housing project across nine remote communities.

Northern Territory Minister for Education, Dr Chris Burns, said the Commonwealth Government has provided $10.7 million and the Territory Government has contributed $7.5 million to the project that will deliver 47 two bedroom prefabricated homes and cover land development costs.

“We need to see better education outcomes for Indigenous students in remote areas and housing is important for recruiting quality teachers to achieve this,” Dr Burns said.

“This is an innovative way to deliver new homes in a shorter timeframe, by prefabricating them and then transporting them to the growth towns by barge or road.

“These are all two bedroom dwellings built to cyclone code, each with a veranda, carport, fencing, air-conditioning and shed.

“This project and the design of the new homes has all been endorsed and supported by the Australian Education Union,” he said.

As part of this project, contracts have been awarded to deliver the following homes:

- Doucon Pty Ltd – 8 x Umbakumba, 2 x Galiwinku
- NT Link Pty Ltd – 6 x Maningrida, 4 x Ramingining, 6 x Yirrkala
- Kamas Family Trust – 6 x Galiwinku
- NPM Group Pty Ltd t/a Ark Homes (Townsville based) – 4 x Yuendumu, 5 x Ntaria
- Fleetwood Pty Ltd – 4 x Ngukkur
- Demountable Sales & Hire Pty Ltd – 2 x Gunbalanya

“The Henderson Government is delivering the Smart Territory strategy which includes a strong focus on recruiting more quality teachers,” Dr Burns said.

“I thank the Commonwealth Government for their contribution and support of this innovative teacher housing project,” he said.

All of the homes will be completed mid year, ready for the second semester of this schooling year.

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