Manager for Katherine Supported Accommodation Facility Appointed

The Territory Government today announced that Kalano Community Association will manage a refurbished complex at Acacia Drive in Katherine for supported accommodation.

Minister for Public and Affordable Housing, Chris Burns, said the new facility will provide eight two bedroom units.

“The Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan has provided $530,000 to refurbish the former Territory Housing complex to provide more beds for people who would otherwise face homelessness,” Dr Burns said.

“Acacia Drive will provide managed and supported accommodation to help people gain life skills to help them move into longer term accommodation.

“Kalano have been appointed as the facility manager after an extensive Expression of Interest process.

“Work is underway to have Kalano in place and Acacia Drive ready to start taking its first tenants from July.

“Kalano will use the facility for people in their rehabilitation programs by providing safe and supported housing.

“This will mostly target people coming into Katherine from remote areas who may otherwise be faced with homelessness.

“We know that Katherine is a service hub to many surrounding communities so we are working on delivering more housing options,” Dr Burns said.

A homelessness study will be conducted for Katherine and regional action plans will be developed from the results.

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