More housing options to fuel the Territory’s Growth

Chief Minister, Paul Henderson today announced a new housing initiative as part of the Territory Government’s strategic housing package.

The Territory Government is proposing to introduce a Dual Occupancy option to give owners of residential blocks of at least 1000 square metres the opportunity to build a second residential dwelling onsite, as part of a plan to give Territorians more options in the housing market.

“Major resource projects are set to turbo-charge the Territory economy, and we are ready with a range of housing options to meet the pressures of growth,” Chief Minister said.

“The Territory is going through a high growth phase, and we need to be flexible when it comes to our housing market.

“This announcement today is one part of our plan to create more housing options for Territorians.

“Dual Occupancy will give owners of residential blocks of at least 1000 square metres the opportunity to build a second residential dwelling onsite.

“These are carefully planned initiatives developed in line with the Territory 2030 strategy to maintain our enviable lifestyle and offer affordable, appropriate housing to meet the needs of all Territorians and our short-term guests.”

The new initiatives complement strategic housing initiatives already rolled out including:

- Extending the Build Bonus scheme until 30 June and increasing purchase limits to make building more attractive to buyers;
- Calling for proposals to build a Short-Stay Accommodation Village in Marrara to increase temporary accommodation options; and
- Establishment of a new Affordable Housing Rental Company to help low to middle income earners get into the rental market.

“The Territory Government is releasing land for residential development five times faster than ever before, including the new suburbs of Bellamack, Johnston, Mitchell and Zuccoli.”

The proposal will be open for public comment for 28 days from 3 February. Submissions will then be assessed by the independent Development Consent Authority. For more information, go to www.nt.gov.au/lands/planning/scheme/psa_exhibit.shtml

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