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CLP silent on crucial workers accommodation

Opposition Leader Delia Lawrie today inspected the site at Batten Road that the former Labor Government allocated for a workers accommodation at Marrara for 270 people.

After an Expression of Interest process the project was awarded Ausco Modular and construction is expected to begin soon when development approval is finalised.

“A great deal of work has gone into preparing the Batten Road site for construction of key workers accommodation,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Today in parliament the CLP Government focused on housing issues, yet provided no update on the progress of the Stayover in Darwin project.

“The short stay workers village will accommodate 270 workers in the first stage, but has the capacity for up to 600 workers on the 9.5 hectare site in Darwin’s northern suburbs.

“Ausco Modular won the contract demonstrating a quality design and significant experience delivering accommodation.

“Labor got on with providing a range of housing options including short-stay accommodation, new suburbs and housing finance assistance schemes like My New Home and Homestart Extra.

“Labor brought an affordable housing rental company, Venture Housing, to the Territory and in its last budget provided $50 million for affordable rental stock.

“In stark contrast, the CLP have no plans and no details on their promised 2000 rentals and are ignoring Territorians wanting to buy their own new home through My New Home.

“Today in Question Time, it also appeared that Homestart Extra was under threat too,” Ms Lawrie said.

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