Ten of the newly refurbished John Gorey apartments in Elliott Street located in Braitling Alice Springs are now available for rent at 30 per cent below market rate.

Minister for Housing Matt Conlan said the ten apartments would be tenanted under the Country Liberals Real Housing for Growth plan.

“As part of the Country Liberals redevelopment of the Elliott Street complex, key service workers can now apply to rent one of these refurbished two-bedroom units for approximately $275 per week – 30 per cent below the market rate,” Mr Conlan said.

“This will make a big difference for families and young workers who have been hurt by the cost of rents jacked up by the former Labor Government’s failed policies. Labor took their eye off the ball when it came to land release and as a result housing prices all over the Territory sky rocketed.

“The Country Liberals are acting quickly to ensure Territory workers aren’t squeezed out by the high cost of rent. We want key workers and their families to be able to stay in Alice Springs, help us build a bigger economy in Central Australia and enjoy our unique lifestyle.

“That’s why we’ve committed $3.8 million this financial year to support the initiatives under Real Housing for Growth plan, like the Elliott Street project.

“Renters employed in occupations such as hair dressers, mechanics, nurses, teachers, apprentices, hospitality staff and young families who are not eligible for public housing can now apply to secure one of the ten Elliott Street apartments.

“After 12 months the successful tenants will have the option to purchase the properties or extend their lease.

“Unlike Delia Lawrie and Labor, we recognise the Territory has been facing a housing crisis which is the major contributor to the high the cost of living and we’re doing something about it.

“Our Real Housing for Growth plan includes a number of initiatives that support housing options for low to middle income Territorians and will see the delivery of 2000 affordable homes in the NT over the next three years.”

To be eligible for one of the Elliott St properties, renters must meet criteria including income limits and at least one resident must be employed in an occupation in a key service industry.

For more information, including how to apply and view the properties contact LJ Hooker Alice Springs on 8950 6333. LJ Hooker Alice Springs is the agent on behalf of the NT Government.

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