The remote community of Wadeye will soon have more incentive to lure government employees to the town with 11 new homes set to be ready at the end of May.

The new dwellings have been bought by the NT Government and are the first privately constructed house land packages to be offered for sale on Aboriginal land in the Territory.

“The Territory Government has invested $7.5 million in this project which is a real win win for the Wadeye community,” said Housing Minister Matt Conlan.

“Around 60 locals were involved in the construction of the new dwellings, which will in turn help attract and retain vital government workers for the town such as teachers, health professionals, mental health workers, police, child protection workers and housing staff.

“Proper accommodation is essential to attracting and retaining a skilled workforce. These new homes will help us do that which will greatly benefit the lives of people living in Wadeye.

“This project is a part of the Country Liberals Government’s focus on increasing the supply of housing across the Territory to ensure government employees can continue to work and live here and contribute to our plans to develop Northern Australia.”

The new homes have been built as part of the Thamarrurr Development Corporation’s new 24 lot subdivision in Wadeye, under a development lease with the Northern Land Council.

Local Member for Daly Gary Higgins said he was pleased government workers would soon be moving into the new homes, which are expected to be completed by 31 May.

“These new homes are a mix a four, three and two bedroom properties which will help the community attract families to work in Wadeye,” Mr Higgins said.

“Having proper accommodation will also mean these families will stay longer in the community which will reduce reliance on fly-in, fly-out workers improving services for the people of Wadeye.”

Mr Higgins said the town would also benefit from the associated subdivision works with the project which included the relocation of the airport taxiway and associated infrastructure, installation of headworks, stormwater drainage, and new subdivision roads.

Eight of the dwellings have been funded by the Northern Territory Government with the remaining three homes funded by the Australian Government, who contributed $1.9 million to the project.

The Catholic Education Office has taken over an additional seven new homes in the subdivision to provide additional accommodation for teachers in the community. The remaining land will be developed by the Thamarrurr Development Corporation to meet future housing needs of the community.

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