Fenton Flats to be redeveloped

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The public housing block known as Fenton Flats will be redeveloped into private housing with the Territory Government putting the site up for sale today.

The site, which is located off the Stuart Highway in the Narrows, will be sold by public auction on the open market ‘as is’ with a requirement that the purchaser demolish all existing buildings.

“The redevelopment of Fenton Flats is part of the Country Liberals Government’s plan to break down the high concentrations of disadvantage in major public housing blocks,” said Housing Minister Matt Conlan.

“Fenton Flats have long been an eyesore as you drive along the Stuart Highway and at times a hot-spot for anti-social behaviour.

“The block of 20 units is more than 30 years old and approaching the end of its economic life. Recently, a block of six of the units was extensively damaged during a tragic fire.

“The prescription for the purchaser to demolish the flats will ensure the site is completely transformed into new housing that meets the needs of modern Territorians.

“The Fenton Flats renewal is another way this Government is fast-tracking land release to help boost the supply of housing in the Territory.

“Housing supply was stifled for over a decade under Labor, but the Country Liberals are ensuring that through new projects like the Fenton Flats redevelopment Darwin’s housing shortage is addressed and addressed quickly.
“This new project will increase housing options for Territorians. The site is ideally located close to the CBD, Northern Suburbs and Palmerston as well as local shops and parklands and will be attractive to both families and workers.”

The site is zoned Medium Density Residential, allowing for construction of up to four storeys.

Tenants residing in the block have been advised of the redevelopment plans and the majority have already been relocated to alternate public housing dwellings. The final relocations will take place over the next month.

The public auction of Fenton Flats will be held at Kerry Holden Showroom on Thursday 23 October at 6pm. For more information please contact O’Donoghues First National real estate offices or go to: http://www.ofndarwin.com.au/index.cfm?pagecall=property&propertyid=2739161

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