Media Release

Bess Price
Minister for Housing

Wauchope Flats to be transitioned to community housing

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Minister for Housing, Bess Price, has today announced a public housing block in Alice Springs will transition to a managed seniors’ village.

“The Wauchope Flats complex will be transitioned to a senior’s village, with management to be outsourced to a suitable service provider through a Request for Proposal process,” Mrs Price said.

“This provides another great opportunity for a community housing provider to deliver services in Central Australia for five years, with an option to extend.

“Community housing organisations can access Commonwealth Rent Assistance and other federal funding the Northern Territory Government-run housing cannot, which will help with the delivery of maintenance, upgrades and management.

“The complex will undergo upgrade works including fencing, signage, security lighting and footpath upgrades to ensure the complex is accessible for seniors, including those with disabilities.

“The management will be modelled on the Elliott Street complex in Braitling, which was awarded to Central Australia Affordable Housing Company (CAAHC) in March 2015.

“The Elliott Street seniors’ complex is managed by the CAAHC under a community housing model, with a five year lease with an option to extend.

“The CAAHC manages the tenants, collects revenue from rent and undertakes repairs and maintenance to the properties.”

The Wauchope Flats complex consists of 17 ground level units (3 x 1 bedroom and 14 x 2 bedrooms).

Upgrades will be done through panel contractors and Department of Corrections (for non-trade and smaller jobs).

Request for Proposal documents and information can be found at www.housing.nt.gov.au

Upgrade work is expected to take six to eight weeks.

Providers will have a month to submit a proposal for assessment.
The successful provider and the Department of Housing will then enter into contract negotiation with the successful provider expected to commence management of the complex in September 2015.

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