$2 MILLION MANAGED ACCOMMODATION FOR ALICE SPRINGS

The NT Government will fund the development of short-to-medium term managed accommodation in Alice Springs, Housing Minister Elliot McAdam announced today.

An Expression of Interest is being advertised today for the construction of the $2 million purpose built accommodation facility.

Mr McAdam said the facility will focus on providing appropriate accommodation for Indigenous families visiting Alice Springs.

“One of the key findings of the Taskforce on Town Camps in Alice Springs was that there is a severe shortfall in visitor and short term accommodation in Alice Springs,” he said.

“This shortfall has a particularly severe impact on people who need to come to town for a variety of reasons, and the family members and friends who accompany them.”

Mr McAdam said the successful applicant for the grant funding must have a proven track record in the provision of appropriately managed accommodation services.

“The successful applicant must also have the capacity and expertise to provide accommodation for people with health related problems as well as other special needs groups.”

In May this year, Mr McAdam announced that a local company had been awarded $2 million to re-develop Stuart Lodge in Alice Springs, into new short term accommodation for Indigenous visitors to the town.

“There is a definite need for accommodation to be available to Indigenous people when they are coming into town for short term visits. Stuart Lodge will mean visitors will have good accommodation when they are here to help avoid the problems of overcrowding in housing.”

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