Gerald McCarthy
Minister for Housing and Community Development

New Supported Accommodation to Prevent Homelessness in Alice Springs

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Minister for Housing and Community Development Gerry McCarthy today announced Anglicare NT had been awarded the tender to manage 22 supported-accommodation units at 103-105 Bloomfield St, Alice Springs.

Mr McCarthy said the Northern Territory had the highest homelessness rate in the nation and initiatives like the Alice Springs supported accommodation units would help those at risk of homelessness.

“Good housing is a right for all Territorians and supported accommodation can help people get back on their feet,” Mr McCarthy said.

“Having a good home leads to a good education, good health and good community outcomes.”

As part of managing the accommodation, Anglicare NT will provide wrap-around services to reduce the risk of residents becoming homeless again.

Anglicare NT CEO Dave Pugh said Anglicare will ensure that all residents receive support and access to financial, early childhood, education, health and employment services.

“The new service will be an effective stepping stone to a better life,” Mr Pugh said.

Supported accommodation has proven to help people transition into public, affordable and private housing, as well as provide the firm foundation people need to build independence and autonomy.

“A home is the foundation for people to connect and contribute to society,” Mr McCarthy said.

The Michael Gunner Government wants the best for all Territorians including the most vulnerable and has commenced work to reform the homelessness grant program that will improve future grant investment decisions to homelessness service providers. A comprehensive homelessness strategy is being developed this year.

Anglicare NT, who have a strong track record of delivering housing support and homelessness services in the NT, expect to move the first residents into the units in March.

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