Tackling Antisocial Behaviour in Public Housing

Three new specialist officers have begun work as the Territory Government continues to crackdown on antisocial behaviour in public housing.

Minister for Housing Rob Knight said the new Territory Housing officers – the first three of four – will respond to antisocial behaviour and will be stationed across the NT.

“This Government has zero tolerance for antisocial behaviour, and these officers will be at the frontline to deal with this behaviour in public housing,” Mr Knight said.

“Territory Housing investigates all complaints of anti-social behaviour in its properties, and 25 tenants have been evicted for antisocial behaviour this financial year.

“The unacceptable behaviour of a minority of public housing tenants impacts on other tenants, neighbours and the community.

“The new antisocial behaviour officers will work closely with neighbours and complainants to respond swiftly and effectively to reports of antisocial behaviour in public housing.”

The four antisocial behaviour officers will undertake initial training in Palmerston before being stationed in Darwin, Casuarina, Palmerston and Alice Springs.

Mr Knight said the officers are a fresh idea to support Territory Housing to address antisocial behaviour in its properties.

The officers complement other measures including Acceptable Behaviour Agreements, alcohol dry areas, increased scrutiny of probationary leases, and working with NT Police to target known hot spots.

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