Tonight’s Federal Budget should focus on delivering more affordable housing to the Northern Territory.

Opposition Leader, Terry Mills, said there is an urgent need for more affordable housing as a result of the Henderson Labor Government’s inability to deliver.

“There are even reports of workers sleeping rough on The Esplanade because they cannot afford a place to live,” Mr Mills said.

“And yesterday’s building approval figures show that only 30 new dwelling constructions were approved in the Territory during the month of March.

“Under the National Rental Affordability Scheme, the Commonwealth has allocated funding for almost 1700 affordable housing places across the Northern Territory, none of which are currently occupied.

“The scheme has been around since 2008-09 and it is an indictment on this Government’s inability to deliver that not a single affordable dwelling has been completed under NRAS.”

Mr Mills said there is a need for the Commonwealth Government to keep pressure on Henderson Labor to deliver on its housing targets in the interests of Territorians.

“The Henderson Labor Government has failed to meet its housing targets – falling around 600 dwellings short of the 1700 required.

“Territorians trying to enter the housing market are paying for this incompetence.”

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