On a visit today to the remote Central Australian community of Yuendumu, Shadow Minister for Indigenous Policy Adam Giles has called on the Territory Government to immediately roll out the SIHIP housing construction and refurbishment scheme to improve living conditions for residents.

“SIHIP would not only provide economic stimulus and jobs for Yuendumu, but also boost morale in a community plagued by dislocation and disenfranchisement,” Mr Giles said.

“SIHIP was first announced in 2007, and four-and-a-half years later not one house has been constructed in Yuendumu.

“It’s widely known that to achieve improvements in education, health and employment, safe and secure housing and accommodation is a prerequisite.

“However instead of using the Alliance contracting methodology preferred by SIHIP, communities such as Yuendumu, Hermannsburg and others should be facilitating housing construction and refurbishments through Local Government authorities.”

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