THE notorious Kurringal Flats will be knocked down within the next fortnight. The run-down public housing complex in Fannie Bay will be demolished and Halikos Pty Ltd will won the tender, will begin to redevelop the site.

Halikos Group made headline lines last month when it was awarded a Government tender to build a new special needs school in Darwin’s northern suburbs at a total cost of $315 million, despite cheaper bids made by more than $4 million.

The demolition of Kurrin-gal Flats will take about three months and will make way for a proposed residential development to include 80 affordable units under the Real Housing for Growth initiative.

In 2013, then Housing Min-
ister Matt Conlan said the 17,100 sq block would accommodate double the current number of dwellings “from 84 to up to 200” but proposals must include a minimum of 15 per cent affordable rental and home ownership options.

The Housing for Growth scheme will see 80 units sub-leased at 30 per cent below mar-
ket rates to eligible Territorians.

The project is due to be completed by 2016. Housing Minister Bess Price said the former tenants have been relocated to alterna-
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ferrred new location.

Wrecking ball set to swing at flats

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NT Police said it was the second such threat this week, with one on Wednesday also a false alarm.

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