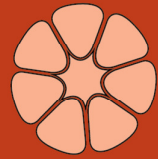




STATEMENT

MICHAEL GUNNER
CHIEF MINISTER



6 September 2016

ALICE SPRINGS TO BENEFIT FROM LABOR'S FIRST HOMEBUYER CONCESSION

Chief Minister Michael Gunner today visited Alice Springs for the first time since becoming Chief Minister to announce 70 Alice Springs residents will benefit from Labor's first homebuyer scheme which came into effect on September 1.

"Alice Springs was hit particularly hard by the CLP's decision to wind back first homebuyer assistance. Labor is committed to fixing that." Mr Gunner said.

"Our scheme will give first homebuyers \$24,000 worth of stamp-duty relief, as well as a \$10,000 home renovation grant, \$2,000 of which may be used to purchase furniture or white goods through our 'buy local' policy. This grant will see the money flow to local business and tradies.

"Last financial year, 43 Territorians bought their first home in Alice Springs. Treasury estimate that in the current financial year, that number will rise to 70 thanks to our scheme, an increase of 62%.

"I want Territorians to be able to afford to stay in the Territory, and this scheme will encourage Alice Springs residents to buy their first home and make Alice their home.

"It's critical that Alice Springs locals feel confident in their local economy, and this scheme will provide a much needed boost to the Central Australian economy."

Mr Gunner today joined local couple Deborah and Duane who are investing in Alice Springs by taking advantage of the Labor Government's First Homebuyer Concession.

"I'm thrilled that Alice Springs locals like Deborah and Duane are accessing this new scheme so they can buy their first home. It's a sign of a positive direction for Alice Springs."

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