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**Nominations Open for Council Members**

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Minister for Housing and Community Development Gerry McCarthy today urged Territorians with an interest in improving their community to run in the upcoming local government elections on Saturday 26th August.

Territorians can nominate as candidates for Territory council elections from tomorrow until 12pm Thursday 3rd August.

Mr McCarthy said Territorians deserve governments who listen and consult and make decisions towards building strong and vibrant communities.

“Becoming a council member is a great way to influence decisions that affect the community - it can be very demanding and we need people with energy, drive and a passion to fight for what’s best for their communities,” Mr McCarthy said.

“I would like to thank the outgoing council members for their dedication to their communities and work over the last five and a half years.”

Councils deliver important services, manage public facilities and develop initiatives to improve the quality of life for residents.

“It’s very important that all Territorians, particularly in remote areas, register to vote now, as enrolments to vote close Tuesday 25th July,” Mr McCarthy said.

“This is an important opportunity for Territorians to have a say in who runs local government and I appeal to everyone who is eligible to ensure they are enrolled to vote,” Mr McCarthy said.

In remote areas, the Northern Territory Electoral Commission will advertise where voting and mobile polling may open prior to Saturday 26th August.

“Elections are an opportunity to combine the experience of continuing members with the energy of newly elected members,” Mr McCarthy said.
The City of Palmerston Council election has been postponed until 17th March 2018, after the Council was placed under official management while an investigation is underway.

For more information to nominate for the election, or to enrol, go to www.ntec.nt.gov.au or phone 1800 698 683.

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