ALICE SPRINGS TOWN CAMPS

The permanent residents of town camps in Alice Springs will not be kicked out of their homes and moved to other parts of the town.

Chief Minister Clare Martin said the reports that have suggested this are wrong.

“Town camps will not be closed – and the tenants living there will not be moved to other residential areas in Alice Springs,” Ms Martin said.

“Town camps will be upgraded – so, over time – they will become just like any other Alice Springs suburb.

“Power, water, sewerage, and street lighting will be improved to the equivalent standard of surrounding residential areas.

“As part of this, all new public housing built in town camps will come under Northern Territory Government public housing management.

“In response to this action, Minister for Indigenous Affairs Mal Brough will consider more funding to address the housing backlog in the Northern Territory.

“The introduction of public housing management for new homes in town camps is part of a strategy to tackle the challenges in Alice Springs.

“The Northern Territory Government and the Federal Government recently committed an extra $30 million for new housing and urgently needed short-term accommodation in Alice Springs.”

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