
Construction and renewal of public housing dwellings across the NT includes demolition of existing dwellings on appropriate size blocks of land to redevelop the site. In 2016–17, the program included the completion of 12 units in Katherine east, two houses in Stuart Park and eight houses in the Palmerston suburb of Johnston. Construction had started on:

- two new dwellings in Katherine
- two new dwellings in Kalkarindji
- five new dwellings in Nightcliff, Ludmilla and Leanyer
- eight new dwellings in Rosebery
- one new dwelling in Moulden
- four new dwellings in Alice Springs
- three new dwellings in Tennant Creek
- two new dwellings in Elliott
- one new dwelling in Woodroffe.

Construction is expected to be completed by November 2017.

Rejuvenation of public housing complexes in Moulden and Karama has focussed on adopting the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles. CPTED is a crime-prevention strategy that focusses on addressing poor environmental design, such as insufficient street lighting, security lighting and landscaping, to remove conditions that encourage or facilitate antisocial behaviour.

Real Housing for Growth

The Northern Territory Government has a suite of affordable rental housing programs, including affordable rental head-leasing, the National Rental Affordability Scheme and the Venture Housing Company. These programs were previously part of the former Real Housing for Growth initiative.

Affordable rentals

At 30 June 2017, a total of 340 affordable rental dwellings were delivered. That includes 328 affordable rental head-leased dwellings in greater Darwin, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs and 12 affordable rental dwellings in Alice Springs owned by the department's Chief Executive Officer.

National Rental Affordability Scheme

The National Rental Affordability Scheme is a partnership between the Australian Government and the states and territories to invest in affordable rental housing. There are 960 dwellings across the NT approved for the National Rental Affordability Scheme, of which the department has 173 as part of the affordable rental head-leasing program. Financial incentives are offered to people or organisations for renting new dwellings to low- and moderate-income households. The scheme will run for 10 years from the date the Australian Government approves the dwellings. Financial incentive payments will be phased out from 2018 to 2026.

HomeBuyer initiative

The department helped 15 Territorian families purchase affordable land lots in Palmerston under its Home Buyer initiative in 2016–17.

Social housing head-leasing

The department secured an additional 27 leases through agreements to lease. Over the next four years, another 211 social housing dwellings will be sourced from the private market through head-leasing. A total of 374 social housing head-leases are forecast to be in place after five years under the social housing head-leasing strategy. The strategy is an innovative method of delivering more public housing by using existing properties from the private sector.

Remote home ownership

The Remote Home Ownership program focusses on offering existing public housing tenants living in Wurrumiyanga, Milikapiti, Umbakumba, Milyakburra and Angurugu, which have township leasing arrangements in place, the option of buying their home. The program was later expanded to include Elliott and Kalkarindji and in 2016–17 it was expanded further to include the communities of Binjari, Mutitjulu and Gunyangara after successful community lease negotiations between the department and the Executive Director of Township Leasing.

One property located in Wurrumiyanga was sold under the program.