

# NT ELECTION 2020 - A FAIRER HOUSING DEAL FOR ALL TERRITORIANS

We're asking candidates at this year's Territory election to commit to a number of measures that will provide more Territorians with pathways out of homelessness and into a home.

You can learn more about our election asks here: <https://ntshelter.org.au/nt-election-2020>



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across urban communities, for both Aboriginal community visitors and local homeless populations.

## THE NORTHERN TERRITORY HAS 12 TIMES THE NATIONAL RATE OF HOMELESSNESS

We know that the solution for homelessness is housing, and that affordable, appropriate housing provides people with the security and stability to live healthier lives, do well in school, get a job, and join in the social life of their community.



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### SUPPORTING MEASURES

- Step-up the NT Government contribution to the Specialist Homelessness Sector by \$2.5 million each year.
- Secure a fairer funding deal for the NT by pressing the other States and the Commonwealth for a reset of national partnership funding allocations according to need rather than population share.
- Design, fund and evaluate a pilot program for 24/7 homeless client intake and care.

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### SUPPORTING MEASURES

- Report annually on net new housing stock by community (# houses, #rooms).
- Transition to Traditional Owner / community engagement and control over housing delivery as per needs set out by ACCOs, Land Councils and local communities.
- Program evaluation to be conducted every two years to ensure value for money and achievement of program objectives.

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#### SUPPORTING MEASURES

- Press for a national strategy with Commonwealth contributions that accelerates the supply of social and affordable housing post COVID-19.
- Provide Community Housing Providers (CHPs) with title to land, stock (title) transfers at scale and 20-year head leasing arrangements. One half of net new supply to be owned and managed by registered CHPs.
- Invest in building the capacity of Aboriginal community controlled housing providers - urban, regional and remote.
- Complete the remaining spend on the \$100 Million Public Housing Stimulus program in 2020-21 (\$21.6 million outstanding).
- Publish plans for new build commitments by region on a rolling four year basis.

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### SUPPORTING MEASURES

- Short-stay visitor accommodation established in Katherine – work to commence in 2020-21.
- Regional responses to tackle local priority areas – Alice Springs youth homelessness and Tennant Creek emergency accommodation.
- Finalise partnership with the Australian Government to deliver \$10 million fit-for-purpose short-stay accommodation for Darwin.

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