



Redeveloping town camps to become part of suburban Alice Springs, improving living conditions and addressing visitor and resident accommodation needs.

A total of \$80 million in potential new investment by the Northern Territory and Australian Government has been committed to Alice Springs, with a principal goal of improvements in the living conditions for residents of existing town camps.

A matter of principal importance to be addressed through the investment is to ensure that benefits are delivered for all stakeholders – town camp residents, all levels of government, non-government organisations that deliver services to town camps and the broader community.

There are some specific outcomes that government wants to achieve in Alice Springs. These include:

- a genuine improvement in living conditions for Aboriginal people;
- an ability to deliver services to town camps of an equivalent standard as in other areas of Alice Springs;
- better access to education, employment, housing and health services; and
- alternative short and long term accommodation options to be available to resolve overcrowding issues.

How it will happen

- Continuing to drive change through the Alice Springs Town Camps Implementation Steering Committee, a multi-agency group which meets on a regular basis to progress the 15 recommendations of the Alice Springs Town Camps Task Force.
- Standardising municipal services in town camps including rubbish collection, dog management and rates payments.
- Upgrading and maintaining essential services, municipal and telecommunications infrastructure.
- Addressing visitor accommodation needs.
- Upgrading existing housing and implementing a sustained maintenance program.

What it will mean

For residents

- Residents of town camps will have significantly improved living conditions.
- Improved living conditions in town camps will also impact positively on the wider Alice Springs community.



- People visiting Alice Springs from remote communities will continue to have access to a number of accommodation options including public and private housing and increased short term accommodation options.
- Short-term accommodation will be safer and less likely to be subject to alcohol problems.
- Significant employment opportunities during the upgrade and construction phases.

For business

- Significant business opportunities during the upgrade and construction phase.
- Significant investment in the town.
- Improved social conditions.

What we have already done

- Completion of \$2 million redevelopment of Stuart Lodge to provide short term accommodation.
- Provision of a grant for \$1.3 million to Aboriginal Hostels Limited to construct six new cabins at the Ayiparinya Hostel to provide an additional 24 beds.
- Approval of two short term accommodation sites located at the old Tyeweretye Club and Dalgety Road.

What will happen next

- Letting of tenders for the upgrade of current town camp housing.
- Working with stakeholders to negotiate the most appropriate land tenure options for town camp areas.
- Letting of tenders for the infrastructure upgrades on town camps.
- Continuing discussions between Territory Housing and Tangentyere Council regarding the move to a public housing management model on town camps.
- Funding of \$7.8m identified for town camp housing upgrades.
- Connecting Neighbours Program funding of \$35 million for essential service infrastructure upgrade and municipal and telecommunications upgrades on town camps.

For more information

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