

PUBLIC NOTICE



PUBLIC HOUSING RENEWAL PROGRAM

The public housing renewal program

The ACT Government's Public Housing Renewal Taskforce is undertaking a major long-term program of renewal to replace some of the Territory's oldest multi-unit public housing properties. The program is improving outcomes for public housing tenants through the provision of more modern, energy-efficient homes, while supporting the renewal of Canberra's urban areas.

83% of Canberrans support the ACT Government's renewal of public housing initiative to better meet the needs of tenants and the broader community.

2016 Community Views Survey – Orima Research.

Up to 1,288 modern residences will be built or purchased to replace the ageing public housing developments along Northbourne Avenue and other areas in Canberra which no longer provide appropriate accommodation for many tenants.

Canberra's culture of inclusiveness and support

Public housing in the ACT is critical to the community's overall economic and social well-being. It helps Canberrans on low incomes to reach their potential, to make a contribution and to share the benefits of our community.

The ACT Government has a long history of supporting a socially-inclusive approach to public housing by 'salt and peppering' homes across all Canberra suburbs. The new homes are built on available sites that have

good access to services and transport, provide improved accommodation for those with a disability, allow ageing in place and provide opportunities for children to attend schools across Canberra.

Design features

Replacement public housing under the program is designed to be compatible with the look and feel of the surrounding community. Features of new homes include:

- a minimum six-star energy rating
- designs that support tenants living with disability and allow ageing in place
- designs that maximise privacy, natural sunlight and ventilation.



Supporting tenants to relocate

Housing ACT and the Public Housing Renewal Taskforce work closely with all public housing tenants to identify the most appropriate replacement housing for each of them.

The new public housing will be available for all eligible tenants. While it is primarily intended for tenants who are moving from the current multi-unit properties, it will not be limited to these tenants. Some tenants may choose to stay in their current community or to move to an area which better matches their needs and preferences.

Housing ACT is working with a significant number of community agencies in relation to the public housing renewal program. These agencies are available to provide additional support to tenants in their new communities.

Development sites

Development sites for the construction of replacement public housing have been identified across Canberra in both new and established suburbs, including Molonglo Valley, Belconnen, Gungahlin, Tuggeranong, Woden and Weston Creek.

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Darwinia Terrace (Block 1 Section 45)

What's happening?

The Public Housing Renewal Taskforce has identified part of a block of land on Darwinia Terrace in Chapman as suitable for the development of public housing under the public housing renewal program. The Taskforce plans to lodge a development application (DA) with the ACT Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate (EPSDD) in April 2017 for the construction of up to 30 townhouses. Preliminary studies indicate the site is suitable for development and additional geotechnical studies will be completed before the DA is lodged.

The site

The site, known as Block 1 Section 45, is approximately 14,900m² and is on Community Facility-zoned land, which permits the development of supportive housing. The Taskforce has identified part of the block for development. It will be subdivided before construction begins. The site is bounded by Kathner Street to the north, Darwinia Terrace to the east and Percy Crescent to the west. See map below.



The design

The Taskforce is considering designs and layout options for up to 30 two-bedroom townhouses in a single-storey development. All dwellings will be Class C adaptable to support tenants living with disability and allow ageing in place.

Indicative layouts will be uploaded to our website when they become available. You will be able to make a submission on the design during the DA process.

Information Session

Members of the Taskforce will be available at a public drop-in information session to provide more detail and answer any questions. RSVPs are not required. See below for details.

Date: Saturday 8 April 2017 **Time:** 11:00am-1:00pm

Venue: Weston Creek Community Centre, Parkinson St, Weston. Adjacent to Cooleman Court Shopping Centre.

Project updates

To receive updates on this project, including about the DA process, email housingrenewal@act.gov.au and include 'Chapman S45' in the subject heading.

More information

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