



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
COUNCIL OF TERRITORY CO-OPERATION**

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PUBLIC HEARINGS – Santa Teresa, Alice Springs and Ntaria

THE COUNCIL OF TERRITORY CO-OPERATION WILL TOMORROW HEAR FROM THE SANTA TERESA HOUSING REFERENCE GROUP ABOUT PROGRESS UNDER SIHIP AND VIEW SOME OF THE REBUILDING OF HOUSES THERE.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, GERRY WOOD MLA, SAID THE COUNCIL “WILL BE ASKING MEMBERS OF THE SANTA TERESA HOUSING REFERENCE GROUP IF THE COMPETED HOUSES ARE LIVEABLE FOR FAMILIES? HOW WELL THE PROGRAM IS GOING FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW?”

THE COUNCIL WILL THEN HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING AT 2.00PM TO HEAR FIRST HAND ABOUT SERVICES IN SANTA TERESA, ESPECIALLY, THOSE PROVIDED BY MACDONNELL SHIRE COUNCIL AND THE NT AND COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS.

THE COUNCIL MEMBERS COMING TO ALICE SPRINGS AND SANTA TERESA ARE GERRY WOOD WHO IS CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL, AND WITH HIM WILL BE MARION SCRYGMOUR, LYNNE WALKER AND WILLEM WESTRA VON HOLTHE.

THE COUNCIL ALSO WILL BE MEETING WITH ALAN MCGILL OF TERRITORY ALLIANCE TO ASSESS PROGRESS WITH SIHIP IN ALICE SPRINGS TOWN CAMPS ON THURSDAY MORNING. THEN COUNCIL WILL BE TRAVELLING TO NTARIA TO MEET WITH THE LOCAL BOARD, HOUSING REFERENCE GROUP AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS AT A PUBLIC MEETING WHICH STARTS AT ABOUT 2.00PM.

THE COUNCIL'S SECOND REPORT WAS TABLED IN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY LAST THURSDAY AND THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO COUNCIL'S REPORT WAS ALSO TABLED LAST WEEK.

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