

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Maley to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

Bringing Land to the Market

On 19 February 2022, the Territory Government released its blueprint to ensure sufficient supply of residential land to cater for population growth across the Territory into the future.

Undertaken by Team Territory co-chair Dick Guit, the final report - Bringing Land to Market: An Independent Review of the Land Development Processes, Land Under Development and Titled Land – outlines recommendations on how to deliver more titled land to market and to keep pace with anticipated demand for new housing in regional centres.

Questions:

1. Dick Guit will chair a new land release steering committee. Who else will be represented on this steering committee?
2. How many times has the steering committee met to date?
3. How many times are they programmed to meet over the next 24 months?
4. What are the terms of reference for the steering committee?
5. What solutions are proposed for getting land released quicker and titled quicker?
6. How can these solutions be achieved with the first 700 lot release in Holtze?
7. The report found issues like place names and power and water were key holdups to quick land release. How can these be solved?
8. How will the NT Government ensure residential housing lots can be released to the market at affordable prices?
9. Will there be a percentage of residential housing lots allocated specifically for first home buyers?
10. How can Government ensure it keeps on pace with the level of demand for new residential housing lots?

Answer:

The Bringing Land to Market report includes 23 recommendations to enhance and streamline the land development process, including addressing land supply, land affordability, place names and Power and Water Corporation.

A Land Development Committee has been established by the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, which is scheduled to meet monthly.

The Terms of Reference of the Land Development Committee is to:

- oversight the implementation of the recommendations of the Bringing Land to Market report over a period of 18 months;
- provide strategic guidance and advice on all land development related matters; including Land Supply and Land Under Development; and
- ongoing oversight on the operation and management of the Subdivision Development Guidelines (SDG).

The membership of the Land Development Committee includes:

- Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics (urban and remote development);
- Power and Water Corporation;
- Local Government Association NT;
- City of Palmerston;
- Master Builders Association, also representing Housing Industry Association; and
- Urban Development Institute of Australia, also representing Property Council Australia and Civil Contractors Federation NT.

Land in Holtze is planned for release through a public competitive process late this year. This government has allocated nearly \$200m in Budget 2022 for land development across the NT, ensuring a consistent housing supply for Territorians.

A copy of the Bringing Land to Market Report can be downloaded from the Department's website on:

https://dipl.nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1070818/bringing-land-to-market-report-recommendations.pdf