

# Renovation, replacement or demolition works of public housing premises

The Department will take reasonable steps to consult with tenants or occupiers of a public housing premises where it identifies a premises for renovation, replacement or demolition works.

## What is renovation, replacement or demolition of public housing premises?

Renovation, replacement or demolition means works that include one or more of the following:

- The partial or total demolition of a premises.
- The renovation or extension of a premises to add additional bedrooms or living spaces.
- The refurbishment of all or part of a premises to improve the amenity of a premises.

## What happens next?

Reasonable steps will be taken to make contact with you to discuss any renovation, replacement or demolition works.

You have a right to seek legal advice prior to any meetings taking place. A list of contact details for legal service providers can be provided to you.

You may also have a support person present at any meeting. This may include an interpreter, support agency representatives or translated materials where required/requested.

## Will I need to move out?

You must move out if the premises is not fit for habitation during the works, or if the works will pose a risk to the health and safety of a resident, visitor or other person.

Your existing tenancy agreement with the Department will be terminated as vacant possession of the premises is required to carry out the works. The Department will make every effort to reach an agreed date for vacant possession with you prior to issuing a Notice of Intention to Terminate the tenancy.

Transitional accommodation options will be offered to you and any current recognised occupiers whilst works are carried out on the premises. You will be consulted throughout the entire process.

## Do I need to pay moving costs?

The Department will inform you which moving costs will be paid for you and discuss options for any other costs, which may not be covered.

## What accommodation options are available to me?

The Department will work with you to find the most suitable accommodation options based on your needs, what housing is available and how long you will be in temporary accommodation.

Your options may include:

- Vacant public housing, located in the same region as the original premises.
- Vacant transportable accommodation such as a demountable or donga.
- Commercial accommodation such as a motel, hostel, or lodge.
- Making personal arrangements such as outstation accommodation or private rentals.
- Living with family or friends who are already in public housing if it will not cause overcrowding if you move there.

## What happens to the Security Deposit (bond)?

If you have paid a security deposit (bond) at the start of your current tenancy, the Department will return to you all money paid as a security deposit for the premises unless you consent to the money being transferred under the new tenancy agreement to the new or renovated premises. If you choose to have the security deposit returned, you will need to pay a new security deposit when you sign the new tenancy agreement to the new or renovated premises.

## When do I move into my new/renovated home?

After completion of the works on your premises or acceptance of another suitable premises, you will move to the new or renovated premises. You will need to sign a new tenancy agreement. The terms of the new tenancy agreement will also be explained to you.

## Where can I find more information?

To find out more, visit the website [nt.gov.au](http://nt.gov.au) or contact your local Housing office:

Office	Phone number
Greater Darwin	(08) 8999 8814
Palmerston	(08) 8999 4767
Katherine	(08) 8973 8513
Tennant Creek	(08) 8962 4497
Nhulunbuy	(08) 8987 0533
Arafura Region	(08) 8995 5122
Alice Springs	(08) 8951 5344