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ALICE SPRINGS TOWN CAMP RESIDENTS REJECT CONDITIONAL \$60m OFFER

Alice Springs Town Camp representatives concluded after three days of deliberation to decline Minister Brough's proposed Memorandum of Understanding, detailing the offer of \$60 Million dollars to upgrade their communities, in exchange for surrender of their housing to the Northern Territory Government.

Mr William Tilmouth, Executive Director of Tangentyere Council, said "We have proposed a number of alternate subleasing models to the Australian and Northern Territory Governments centered on maintaining a degree of input for the Housing Associations over how their housing is managed. We sincerely hope that the Minister is in a position to reconsider his offer, and that we can return to the negotiating table."

The Town Camp Housing Associations are not opposed to the principle of subleasing their housing for 99 years, increasing rental payments or private home ownership. What they have been requesting throughout the negotiations is to maintain a role in the decision making surrounding how their housing is managed, for the extent of the sublease.

Tangentyere Council are urging both governments to support the input and ongoing role of residents in the management of their housing, for the betterment of living conditions and the social cohesion of the greater Alice Springs community.

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