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## THE HON. WARREN SNOWDON MP Federal Member for Lingiari

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### WORKING TOGETHER TO TACKLE TOWN CAMPS

Federal Member for Lingiari, the Hon. Warren Snowdon MP, today welcomed the \$50 million lease deal between the Federal Government and Tangentyere Council to improve the town camps.

“Living conditions in the 20 town camps around Alice Springs are distressing.

“And I congratulate the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Hon. Jenny Macklin MP and the Tangentyere Council on working together to address the dire infrastructure and housing concerns,” said Mr Snowdon.

“The negotiation of 40 year sub-leases to facilitate the Federal support is a clear result of this Government’s engagement and consultation with Indigenous people.

“I also commend both Ms Macklin and Tangentyere Council on responding to the urgency of the situation with the immediate release of \$5.3 million dollars to kick-start the overhaul of camp infrastructure.

“This new construction, bringing with it training and employment opportunities, will benefit the whole Alice Springs community.

“I am very hopeful that the lease agreement will go a long way to improving life in the camps.”