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Question:

Do all the tenancy agreements in remote communities in the Northern Territory comply with the *Residential Tenancies Act*?

Answer:

The template used for tenancy agreements has been developed by the Northern Territory Department of Housing with input from legal services representatives in the Northern Territory to comply with the *Residential Tenancies Act* (RTA). Individual tenancy agreements are an agreement between the Northern Territory Department of Housing and the tenant/s.

Housing works completed in the Northern Territory under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing or the housing element of the National Partnership Agreement on Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory aim to bring dwellings up to or above the RTA standard. This standard is required before a tenancy agreement can be entered into by the tenant and the Northern Territory Department of Housing.