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Question:

The Forrest Review recommends that new housing stock be built only on land that is subject to long-term leasing or freehold title. Has the Government adopted this recommendation? How are locations currently selected under NPARIH?

Answer:

The Government is continuing to carefully consider and assess the feasibility of all the recommendations made in the Forrest Review and will respond in due course.

Under the current National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing Implementation Plans (2014-16), jurisdictions have agreed to prioritise new housing investment on land with tradeable tenure; that is settled land with a long term lease or freehold title.

Locations for investment are settled in the NPARIH Competitive Bids Process taking account of factors such as housing need, permanent population size, education and employment opportunities and the sustainability of the community.