



Factsheet: Sale of Residential Properties, Alice Springs, Northern Territory

Why is Defence selling the sites?

Defence is selling a number of residential properties in Alice Springs as part of a housing refresh program to deliver modern housing for personnel engaged at the Pine Gap facility.

When will the sites be sold?

It is anticipated that the divestment of a number of properties will be carried out over a number of years. The first stage of the divestment commenced in April 2017. Up to 140 houses in total are expected to be released and sold over the next 10 years on a rolling program.

Where are the sites?

The properties are in multiple locations within the town of Alice Springs.



How does Defence sell its property?

Defence properties are sold in accordance with the Commonwealth Property Disposals Policy. This policy states that all surplus Commonwealth property is to be sold on the open market for full market value.

The Commonwealth Property Disposals Policy can be viewed at the following link:

[Commonwealth Property Disposal Policy](#)

The Commonwealth Property Disposals Policy allows for direct sales to local and state governments in some circumstances. These are known as 'off-market sales'. Off-market sales require the approval of the Minister of Finance.

When a site is sold on the open market, Defence will engage a marketing agent to sell the property. Methods of sale can include auction, tender and private treaty sales.

Careful consideration will be taken regarding the timing and release of the housing stock to accommodate the circumstances of the local housing market at any given time.

Who is going to buy the sites?

When sold on the open market, any party who is eligible to purchase property in Australia may bid for the sites. If you are eligible to purchase property in Australia and wish to register your interest, please contact the marketing agents listed below:

- Nutrien Harcourts Alice Springs
www.alicesprings.nutrienharcourts.com.au
- LJ Hooker Alice Springs
www.alicesprings.ljhooker.com.au

What can the new owner do with the sites?

The properties are residential dwellings in areas zoned appropriately for their location and use. Should a purchaser decide to investigate other avenues for development, this will be a matter for the new owner and the local council. If the new owner wants to have the property re-zoned for other uses, council approval will be required.



Are the sites contaminated?

The properties are located within the city of Alice Springs where there is a minimal likelihood of contamination. Any prospective purchaser will need to undertake the usual pest and building inspection process as per the Northern Territory Government requirements prior to purchasing the properties.

Are the homes heritage listed?

None of the properties are included on the Commonwealth Heritage List.