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Department of **Communities**

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Dear Mr Pentz

I am writing in response to your request for the Department of Communities to provide you with a letter to assist you to inform the Town of Port Hedland (the Town) Council of the closure of the Steven's Street Retirement Village (the Village).

As you are aware, the Department of Housing entered into a joint venture with the Town in 1999 in response to the Town's request for \$650,000 to help address maintenance issues in the Village. This injection of funds enabled the Town to continue to own and manage the Village and meet the needs of seniors in the Port Hedland community. As a consequence of the funding provision, the Department of Communities has equity in the Village.

On 14 August 2018, you advised the Department of Communities that the Village has significant structural issues and that the tenants must be relocated as a matter of urgency. The Department of Communities has a long history of providing assistance to the Town and is keen to ensure the best outcome possible for your tenants. In response to your request for alternative accommodation options, the Department of Communities has offered accommodation in the Osprey Key Worker Village, Public Housing and in properties managed by Foundation Housing Limited.

The Osprey Key Worker Village is managed by Fleetwood Corporation on behalf of the Department of Communities and has the capacity to take all of your tenants at very short notice. It will provide your tenants with more amenable accommodation than the aging Village and includes several mobility units that may interest your tenants.

I commend the Town for both engaging Foundation Housing Limited to help manage the tenant transitions and its undertaking to pay the relocation costs for your tenants.

I can confirm that officers from the Department of Communities will be present at your upcoming meeting with the tenants. Once the immediate issue of the safety and comfort of the tenants has been resolved, the Department of Communities will contact the Town of Port Hedland to discuss its equity in the Village.

If you have any further queries, please contact Mr John Hughes, Property Management Coordinator, at the Department of Communities by telephone on 9222 8167 or email at ([John.Hughes@communities.wa.gov.au](mailto:John.Hughes@communities.wa.gov.au)). It is our pleasure to be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Carroll', written over the text 'Yours sincerely'.

Steven Carroll  
**Manager Property and Contracts**