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## To all communities Housing Update No.7 10 October 2008

On 3 October, Executive Members signed a lease for 50 years over 11 new house sites in Amata as part of the Federal Governments \$25 million dollar housing package. More house sites in other communities can be added by simple variation of the lease subject. Most importantly the signing of this lease places Anangu in a very strong position to obtain significant funds for much more new housing, well beyond the \$25 million offer, and the Executive is working hard on this now.

The terms of this lease have been *hard fought* by the Executive and provide for a proper public housing system on the Lands. The government cannot contract out to other agencies the core elements of housing management such as allocation, rent setting and collection of rent money.

Under the new system we will have the same rights as other public housing tenants in South Australia plus some very important improvements including;

- Anangu will have the opportunity of purchasing the houses we live in on terms negotiated by Anangu,
- Every cent of our rent money will go into Repairs and Maintenance,
- There will be a proper good quality housing Repairs and Maintenance program managed on the Lands by Senior Officers of the Department of Housing and their Anangu Malpas,
- The management will be under the "Anangu Housing Model" which will be negotiated by Anangu with the government to specifically suit our circumstances,
- Anangu will be trained and employed in construction and repairs and maintenance.

A Housing Advisory Committee will be set up under a new Memorandum of Understanding where all communities will be able to have a representative on the committee. The new Memorandum of Understanding will be developed during November.

Since November last year, Senior Housing Officers have been on the Lands and working with their Anangu Malpas gaining valuable experience and information to ensure that the new system works.

There will be consultations in communities soon about the future of housing so please think about who you would like to represent you on the new committee.

I would like to thank everyone who has worked so long and hard to help us on this crucial project.

**Bernard Singer**  
Chairperson