



# 5 Point Election Plan

NOVEMBER 2017 STATE ELECTION

# Prospect Community Services

## INTRODUCTION

Prospect is a non-profit organisation that is managed by a Board of enthusiastic, community minded people. The organisation endeavours to collaboratively identify, promote and develop the interests and needs of the Charters Towers community.

Prospect builds the Charters Towers community by encouraging and facilitating complimentary interaction and collaboration of resources, information, skills, expertise and support amongst its members, clients, tenants and service providers.

Prospect Community Services Ltd. (Prospect) has been successfully developing and delivering programs and services to the Charters Towers community since 1986. Throughout this time, the organisation has experienced considerable growth and attracted appropriate Government funding through submissions and grant allocations to provide assistance to thousands of people in need. Without the organisation, the community would have suffered and would not have experienced the economic growth and enrichment it enjoys today. Prospect's work is estimated to inject over \$5m of economic benefit to the region through the flow-on impact of its operations.

The organisation is a well-established community service provider with an excellent

reputation for high quality service delivery, a strong commitment to collaboration, community connection and engagement and a vocal advocate to rural service providers.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Prospect Community Services Ltd. is committed to achieving its vision and mission by advancing an effective and efficient operating environment and instilling a culture of continuous improvement. Prospect's principles of operation guide team and individual behaviour, unify the organisation and common expectations and focus staff and Board energy around excellence, service and high quality outcomes for stakeholders.

### Vision:

Our clients and community are supported by a strong organisation known for leadership and innovation in community services.

### Vision for the People we work with:

All people have the opportunity to achieve their fullest potential.

### Purpose Statement:

To engage with people and community, providing support, building capacity and relationships to create lasting solutions.

### Values Statement:

Prospect Community Services Ltd. values represent what the organisation believes in, what they stand for, how they approach everything they do and how they will be measured.

## OUR PRIORITIES

### Priority One – Domestic Violence Shelter

*Continuation of the funding allocated (2016-2017 State Budget) for the construction and establishment of a dedicated domestic violence shelter in Charters Towers*

The funding for a new shelter was announced as part of the 2016-17 State Budget. In early 2017 we were advised that the Queensland Government was keen to work with Prospect as part of a procurement process to expedite the establishment of the new domestic and family violence service in Charters Towers.

### Priority Two – New Hospital

*Continuation of planning and full funding allocation for the construction of a new hospital in Charters Towers during the term of the incoming government*

Prospect Community Services has been represented on the Community Advisory Network for the Charters Towers District (Queensland Health) and is aware of the work being done to undertake planning for a new hospital for Charters Towers.

The construction of a new hospital in Charters Towers is long overdue and an identified priority for the Region



### Priority Three – Visiting Specialists

*Increased funding for visiting specialists to Charters Towers to provide the necessary services in the local community that are otherwise not provided nor catered for locally*

For a number of years members of the Charters Towers community have had to travel to Townsville to see the necessary specialists that are not established locally in Charters Towers.

A new facility “Connect CT” has been established as a Health Hub to support the visiting service providers to Charters Towers and has rooms available on short, medium and long term lease.



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## Priority Four – Specialist Disability Accommodation Funding

*Allocation of, or support to obtain, funding to construct four units of specialist disability accommodation in Charters Towers*

Four fully modified units of accommodation would be well utilised in the Charters Towers community and provide accommodation to meet the needs of people identified with a profound disability. Provision of this type of accommodation will improve the quality of life of those people in the community identified with these special needs.

763 persons (or 6.4%) in need of assistance with a profound or severe disability

## Priority Five – Perpetrator Funding

*An allocation of funding to provide assistance and rehabilitation for offenders and perpetrators of domestic and family violence*

Between 1 September 2017 and 20 October 2017, 56 cases of Domestic Violence were reported in Charters Towers. Whilst funding and support is available for the victims of/or those fleeing domestic and family violence there is little funding available to educate and rehabilitate those persons who are the perpetrators. A backup perpetrator program is required if the specialist domestic violence court is to be introduced in Townsville District

43.1% of the population in the Charters Towers Region are in the most disadvantaged quintile for the Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage with a further 35.1% in the next quintile