Expressions of interest are being sought from Indigenous Territorians interested in playing a key role in the largest indigenous housing project in the Territory’s history.

Minister for Housing Rob Knight said the joint Australian and Northern Territory Government $672 million SIHIP program will deliver new and refurbished houses to 73 communities over five-years.

“The Strategic Alliance Leadership Team (SALT) will consist of representatives from the public and private sectors,” Mr Knight said.

“The team will provide leadership, decision making and collaboration to maximise outcomes for the SIHIP program, especially indigenous job opportunities. There are two positions for Indigenous advisors, who will have significant influence on the success of the SIHIP.

“Both the Australian and Northern Territory Governments already work closely with residents in communities and felt it was critical to ensure Indigenous people are represented at the strategic level as well.

The SIHIP program is designed to improve housing standards, reduce overcrowding and create employment opportunities in 73 communities and some urban living areas over five-years.

“This is an exciting opportunity for people who are passionate about improving conditions for Indigenous people throughout Territory as they will be strategically involved in the SIHIP.

“Work is already underway to deliver more than $30 million to Tennant Creek community living areas. This work includes civil and design works and training and employment workforce development assessments to maximise local job opportunities.
“The alliance partner procurement process is complete and the project is now starting to focus on design and delivery.

“Strategic advice from Indigenous Territorians is essential to ensure SIHIP delivers outcomes that best meet the needs of each community.

“Access to adequate housing, along with infrastructure and essential services, provides the basis for healthy families, healthy lifestyles, strong communities and economic growth.”

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