Housing Minister’s Meet In Adelaide

Minister for Housing Rob Knight will today join his national counterparts at the Housing Minister’s Conference in Adelaide.

Mr Knight said the implementation of the Rudd Government’s Economic Stimulus Package is expected to be high on the agenda.

“The Territory has so far received more than $4 million for the upgrade of 136 Territory Housing properties,” Mr Knight said.

“The Territory Government is committed to rolling these upgrades and repairs out as quickly as possible, with work already beginning on some projects.

“I will be working closely with the Commonwealth to ensure the Territory gets its fair share of round two of the Stimulus Package.

“Increasing investment in public housing will provide better accommodation for those most in need.”

The National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) is also expected to be discussed at the conference.

Mr Knight said improving access to affordable housing is a significant issue across the country, and the Northern Territory faces unique challenges and conditions.

“The Henderson Government is committed to creating affordable housing options for the Northern Territory,” he said.

“Earlier this month plans were announced to establish a new Affordable Housing Company to provide quality and affordable rental accommodation to
medium and low income earners and fill the gap between the public and private housing markets.

“I plan to discuss this initiative at the conference and speak to my counterparts about existing companies in their jurisdictions.”

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