Multimillion dollar Zuccoli project will support local jobs

Minister for Lands and Planning, Gerry McCarthy slammed the Opposition’s claims that Stage 1 of the new suburb of Zuccoli will be built by interstate companies, saying the joint venture involved local Darwin company BMD Constructions NT.

Minister McCarthy said the Joint Venture was specifically designed to deliver work for local companies and the project would be delivered by local company BMD Constructions NT.

“Stage 1 of the new suburb of Zuccoli will deliver more than 450 new lots to help bring down the cost of living for Territorians,” Minister McCarthy said.

“The local company BMD Constructions NT who will build Stage 1 of the new Zuccoli has been operating in the Territory for more than 15 years.”

Minister McCarthy said Urbex Pty Ltd is a subsidiary of the BMD Group and the project would be delivered by BMD Constructions NT along with other Territory businesses and contractors.

“BMD Constructions NT is a long standing Territory company which has undertaken civil works in excess of $200 million in the Territory including on the new suburbs of Lyons, Bellamack, and Johnston,” Minister McCarthy said.

“The Opposition should get their facts right before they talk down Territory businesses.

“The Territory Government has always backed local Territory businesses – we have a procurement policy that favours local businesses and generating local jobs for Territorians.

“The use of local businesses and consultants is central the Joint Venture and as part of the agreement BMD Constructions NT will engage local contractors and businesses.

“The Joint Venture is also designed to ensure that the developments suit the lifestyle needs of Top End residents, are designed for the tropics and are sustainable and energy efficient.”

Minister McCarthy said the Territory Government is also working with the Larrakia Development Corporation to provide employment and training opportunities for Indigenous people in future strategic industrial and residential land developments.

“Just yesterday I signed an MoU with the Larrakia Development Corporation that will create more employment and training opportunities in upcoming projects such as Zuccoli Stage 1, the next new suburb to be developed in Palmerston East and upcoming industrial developments at East Arm,” Minister McCarthy said.

“The Territory’s economic outlook is strong with more major projects due to come on line bringing with them many employment and business opportunities for locals – this MoU will ensure Indigenous Territorians have opportunities to share in the benefits that come with major projects.”

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