The Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory have signed an agreement allowing the exchange of DNA samples in the attack on crime.

NT Police Minister Paul Henderson signed the agreement with the ACT Attorney-General, Mr Jon Stanhope.

“The new agreement means the NT Police and the Australian Federal Police in the ACT can reach even further in hunting criminals, making it even harder for people to commit crimes and get away with it,” Mr Henderson said.

Under the agreement, information from the NT’s DNA database can be exchanged with the ACT, and vice versa.

Police officers will also be able to request in writing access to other identifying information held by the other jurisdiction that may help to solve a crime.

“Criminals don’t respect State and Territory boundaries and that is why partnerships such as this one are so important in cracking down on crime,” said Mr Henderson.

“The Northern Territory has set the goal of having these types of agreements with all Australian jurisdictions.

“We already have similar exchange agreements with Queensland, Western Australia, and Tasmania and are hopeful of forging an agreement with the South Australian Government in the near future.”

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