Indigenous housing top of the agenda at national Housing Ministers’ meeting

Northern Territory Minister for Housing, Kon Vatskalis, will fly to Sydney today to meet with his national counterparts at tomorrow’s Housing Ministers’ Conference.

Mr Vatskalis said the meeting was an important part of the new cooperation between the Northern Territory and Australian Governments.

“We are working closely with the Australian Government to deliver a new era in remote housing in the Northern Territory, namely a $647 million package over the next four years,” said Mr Vatskalis.

“The $647 million Strategic Intervention Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) will deliver around 750 new houses and over 2500 housing upgrades to 73 communities around the Territory.

“The Territory Government will continue to push for recognition and appropriate funding to address remote Indigenous housing.

“I would also like to discuss the provision of supported short-term and transitional housing to effectively respond to Indigenous housing need.”

Media note: The Housing Ministers’ Conference gets underway from 9am EST tomorrow.

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