Housing Minister Rob Knight will meet with his State and Commonwealth counterparts in Canberra tomorrow where he will discuss affordable housing and progress on delivering housing in the bush and urban areas of the NT.

“It is a new era of cooperation between the Territory and Commonwealth Government and our work on the joint $647 million Strategic Indigenous Housing Infrastructure Program will deliver record housing investment in the bush,” said Mr Knight.

“I intend to meet with my Federal counterparts to discuss progress on the $647 million program.

“This vital housing program will deliver up 1000 new houses in the bush and refurbish 2500 remote homes, with work scheduled to start later this year.

“Housing is a critical part of our Closing the Gap program to address Indigenous disadvantage.”

Mr Knight said he’d also be raising the unique challenges in delivering accommodation faced by the Territory.

“Making sure the Territory gets the most out of the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) with the Commonwealth is a priority,” Mr Knight said.

“There is much more work that needs to be done and I will put the Territory’s needs in the bush as well as urban areas forward so they are considered in the new funding arrangements.

"In the Territory we will continue to create affordable housing options through the HomeNorth scheme and by allocating 15% of lots in new land releases for affordable housing. “

The NAHA will replace the current Commonwealth State Housing Agreement and the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program.

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