Minister To Attend First Australian Council of Local Government Meeting

Minister for Local Government Rob Knight is on his way to Canberra to attend the first Australian Council of Local Government Meeting.

The inaugural meeting will be hosted by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Federal Minister for Local Government Anthony Albanese at Parliament House.

“This meeting is an important step in establishing closer links with Local Government and the communities they represent,” Mr Knight said.

“The Henderson Government is committed to building relationships with Local Government in the Territory and I am looking forward to discussions with my State and Federal counterparts and Mayors from around Australia about Local Government reform, building regional economies and improving housing in the Territory.

"We have a new Local Government structure in the Territory and this is an opportunity to discuss ways to get the most out of this reform for local communities.

"I am eager to look at ways to increase participation in our new Local Governments. One way of doing this is increasing Indigenous participation, leadership and employment."

While interstate the Minister will also inspect City West Housing in Sydney and gain insight into housing models currently being utilised in New South Wales.

"This Government is committed to developing and implementing a Territory housing plan, which is based on the premise that every Territorian who wants to, should be able to buy or rent a house at an affordable limit," Mr Knight said.
“I will be briefed on and will visit a housing development in Ultimo/Pyrmont which provides housing for people on very low-to-moderate incomes.

“It is an affordable housing alternative which contributes to the maintenance of a socially diverse community in an inner city location.

“The Wirina Flats in Parap are set to be redeveloped and I am looking forward to seeing how City West enables both public and private tenants to effectively live in the same complex,” Mr Knight said.

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