Local Government Leaders Meet In Canberra

Minister for Local Government Rob Knight will today travel to Canberra to attend the second Australian Council of Local Government Meeting.

The theme ‘Building Resilience in Local Communities’ will be on the agenda when Local Government Ministers, Mayors and Council Presidents from across Australia meet tomorrow.

“Last year the Northern Territory Government’s significant Local Government reforms took place. The new shires and expanded local government boundaries are leading to better delivery of services and new job and economic opportunities,” Mr Knight said.

“The meeting will be a positive step for local government and will enable further discussion about local government reform, building regional economies and improving housing in the Territory.

“Current and emerging issues facing local government across Australia will be discussed, and it will be a great opportunity to share ideas on how best the Territory can respond to economic and environmental challenges.”

The meeting follows last year’s inaugural meeting which marked the new partnership between the Australian Government and the nation’s 565 councils and shires.

“There have been major achievements made through new Commonwealth and local government partnerships, including a $300 million program to build local community infrastructure in all local council areas which was announced late last year,” Mr Knight said.

“I’m looking forward to discussing the key issues effecting Local Governments and spending time with the Northern Territory’s Local Government leaders while in Canberra.”

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