Work is underway to upgrade 175 public housing properties and construct 22 new homes across the Territory under the Rudd Government’s Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan.

Minister for Housing, Rob Knight today inspected progress on a three-bedroom home in Malak, where work is underway on renovations to the kitchen, bathroom and laundry.

“More than $11.2 million is being invested in the Territory to upgrade existing Territory Housing properties, and build 22 new homes to help meet our housing needs,” Mr Knight said.

“This work delivers real results for Territorians, protecting Territory jobs, our economy and improving our public housing stock.

“Forty-seven of the homes being upgraded are currently vacant, so this work will put these homes back into use for Territory families.

“Local businesses have already secured contracts of almost $890 000 for upgrade works, with 42 homes already complete.”

Member for Solomon Damian Hale said the project was a great example of the Federal and Territory Governments working together to achieve real results for Territorians.

“Housing and construction is a major employer in the Australian economy. That’s why housing has featured so strongly in the Rudd Government’s Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan,” Mr Hale said.
Tenders have been called for the $7.1 million in construction work under Stage One of Operation Stimulus for social housing.

A new four-bedroom house, eight two-bedroom duplexes and ten two-bedroom units will be built in the greater Darwin region and two four-bedroom homes will be constructed in Alice Springs and one in Tennant Creek.

“The Henderson Government is committed to providing safe and affordable housing for Territorians who are in need, and these new and renovated homes will meet areas of high demand,” Mr Knight said.

The Department of Local Government and Housing has also issued a Request for Proposal for land, design and construction of new social housing, for Stage Two of Operation Stimulus.

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