Minister for the Environment Karl Hampton today congratulated NT firm Troppo Architects on winning the Global Award for Sustainable Architecture.

Founding partners Phil Harris and Adrian Welke will today present their work to the Cite de l’Architecture in Paris and collect the prestigious prize, the first Australian architects to do so.

“After setting up shop in Darwin in 1980, Troppo Architects have over 30 years developed a nationwide profile as a leader in sustainable architecture, in the process transforming the way urban, rural and remote Territorians think about their houses and their environment,” said Mr Hampton.

“Troppo’s approach to the built environment has shaped the Territory and embodies the philosophy of sustainable development central to this Government’s Greening the Territory and NT Climate Change Policies.

Troppo are already one of Australia’s most awarded Architecture firms, famous for their regionally responsive designs in both the public and private sphere. They have won awards for work in residential dwellings, remote aboriginal communities and cultural centres such as the Kakadu Visitor Information Centre.

Recent examples of awarded designs include the Darwin Entertainment Centre redevelopment and Arafura medium density precinct.

“All Territorians can be proud of the example and standard Troppo have set. From their famous elevated houses in the suburbs to the remote housing and the Kakadu visitor centre in the bush, thousands of Territorians live in Troppo or Troppo-inspired designs, which are now found in WA, SA, QLD, central NSW and even Victoria.”

The award recognises contemporary architecture that meets key criteria being:

- Fully in step with the ethical, civil and social concerns of today;
- Innovative in the areas of ecology, energy, materials and technology; and
- Progressive in its search for new standards for both housing and public facilities.

Mr Hampton said that Troppo are one of our finest exports and should inspire the next phase in the Territory’s development.

“Once again, I congratulate Troppo Architects on this excellent achievement. Troppo have shown that responsive, sustainable architecture is achievable across all climates and I look forward to working with Troppo and the entire building and construction industry in the Northern Territory to make sustainable architecture the Territory standard. The NT economy, environment and lifestyle can greatly benefit from Troppo’s world-leading philosophy on design.”

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