New Darwin Suburb Underway

A ground breaking ceremony marking the start of work on stage one of the new suburb of Muirhead was held today.

Minister for Public and Affordable Housing Chris Burns said the new development is part of the Australian and Territory Government’s work to release more land to meet Darwin’s housing needs.

“This Territory Government is releasing land five times faster than ever before in the NT - that’s a cracking pace,” Dr Burns said.

“This new housing development will deliver more than 1200 housing lots, including over 300 new houses for Defence members and their families moving to the Top End.

“Of the remaining homes, up to 15 per cent will be available to the Territory Government for affordable housing initiatives and the rest will be made available to the general public to purchase.

“The Territory Government is also delivering a range of options in Palmerston East for people wishing to build their own home, with lots currently for sale in Bellamack and Johnston.”

Dr Burns congratulated the Australian Government, Defence Housing Australia (DHA), and Investa Property Group for working jointly on the project.

“A wide range of housing types and styles will be offered at Muirhead. Single, duplex and triplex dwellings will also be incorporated into the community,” Mr Burns said.

DHA’s Chief Operating Officer, Peter Howman, said the housing designs proposed will have a diverse mix of tropical features and meet a six star energy efficiency rating.

“This will work into the sustainable master plan of the development,” he said.

“Our main focus with this project is to ensure the housing will be high quality and well suited to the local conditions.”

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