Minister for Housing Peter Chandler, said today the Territory Government is calling for proposals to redevelop a large public housing complex in Darwin.

“The 5640-square-metre site at 1 Runge Street in Coconut Grove is a significant opportunity for a developer to build quality housing in a suburb where residents have ready access to shops, services and transport.

“The Country Liberals are acting on a commitment to build 2000 affordable homes in four years. This site has the potential for about 60 homes replacing 24 units in the public housing complex.

“Developers will have an opportunity to purchase and redevelop the site which will include a minimum of 15% of the new dwellings as affordable housing under the Real Housing for Growth initiative.

“The proposals, including the mix and number of new homes, will be up to the creativity of the developer.

“I am excited. This large-scale project shows the strength of our determination to get the best value out of the redevelopment of public housing stock.

“We can steadily eliminate the ageing dwellings we inherited from the former Labor government, and build new homes. Labor failed to deliver a strong program of renewal and neglected repairs and maintenance.

“At present, there are contracts awarded to build 28 public housing dwellings in Darwin and Palmerston.

Mr Chandler said the request for proposals would open next Thursday, 4 July and close on 28 August 2013.

Interested parties can register their interest in this redevelopment by visiting www.housing.nt.gov.au

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