Local business Reday Joint Venture has been selected to redevelop the aged and run-down public housing site at 1 Runge Street in Coconut Grove.

The site will be turned into affordable and private housing under the Country Liberal Government’s Real Housing for Growth plan, providing a much needed boost to housing stock in Darwin.

“The public housing complex at 1 Runge Street Coconut Grove was built in the 1960’s has long been the centre of anti-social behaviour complaints by local residents,” Minister for Housing Matt Conlan said.

“The Country Liberals have acted quickly to revitalise Runge Street after 11 years of inaction by the former Labor Government.

“The proposed new complex, designed by local architect firm Bell Gabbert Associates, will dramatically improve the look and feel of the area with 59 new two-bedroom, two-bathroom dwellings set to be constructed on the site.

“The site will be a mix of affordable and private dwellings and will help ease the cost of housing for Territorians so families and key workers can continue to live here and contribute to our plans to develop Northern Australia.

“The site is conveniently located in Coconut Grove and has ready access to existing employment, services, shopping, education, dining, entertainment and public transport.

“Reducing high concentrations of public housing is part of the Country Liberals Government’s plan to provide more appropriate and modern housing solutions for all Territorians. We’ve already renewed another notorious public housing complex in Alice Springs and the redevelopment of the Kurringal flats in Fannie Bay is expected to commence mid-2015.”

The proposal by Reday Joint Venture for the 5640-square-metre site at 1 Runge Street includes:

- 15 affordable rental properties will be made available to key workers at 30 per cent below market rates under the Government’s Real Housing for Growth Head-Leasing Initiative;
- 10 units will be available for affordable homeownership; and
- The remaining 34 units will be sold to the general public.
- The complex will also incorporate a swimming pool, multi-purpose rooms, car parking and increased landscaping.

Tenants from the complex have been relocated and neighbours and surrounding residents have been kept informed about the redevelopment plans which were announced in June 2013. Pre-construction works on-site have commenced with full building works expected to begin by June 2014 subject to the relevant development approvals being obtained.

Media Contact:
Lisa Andrews 0401 579 963