The tender for the managing contractor of the Palmerston Regional Hospital project has been released today.

This tender is another crucial step towards the construction of the hospital – a project the Northern Territory Government is strongly committed to.

“The Managing Contractor will complete the design and build the PRH with the intent of delivering a first class level of health care to Palmerston and regional residents and to accommodate the growing community,” Health Minister John Elferink said.

“Design work is underway following clinical consultation and planning.

“With the Palmerston and regional areas experiencing steady population growth, it is crucial that we produce a quality hospital which caters to the needs of Territorians, with flexibility to expand well into the future.

“We want the best facility possible and we are ensuring this is done properly and within timelines agreed to with the Australian Government.”

The hospital will deliver 116 beds. It will include:

- A 100 bed in patient facility
- 16 bay Emergency Department
- Day procedure
- Paediatrics
- Operating theatre
- Outpatient facility
- Ambulance bays
- Maternity services and birthing suites
• Administration offices, energy plant, site services, car parking and associated works.

“The new hospital will also ease pressures on Royal Darwin Hospital and cater for both public and private patients,” Mr Elferink said.

The successful tender for the Managing Contractor is expected to be awarded late July 2015 with construction of the hospital building to start in late October 2015.

To find out more about the project, visit the website: www.palmerstonregionalhospital.nt.gov.au.

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