Minister for Lands, Planning and the Environment, Peter Chandler, today announced a Request for Proposals to develop the first stage of a housing subdivision in Katherine East.

“The Territory Government is accelerating land release to increase the supply of homes. This 19-hectare development will deliver at least 100 new lots,” Mr Chandler said.

“Katherine is an important part of the Territory’s economic future, and the Country Liberals Government is ensuring there is enough land available for new housing and commercial opportunities.”

The 19-ha Katherine East Stage 1 is the first parcel of a 52-ha site identified by the Territory Government for development.

The subdivision opportunity is on the northern part of Lot 3011, between Casuarina Street Primary School and the Katherine Research Station.

Member for Katherine, Willem Westra Van Holthe, said there were a number of significant projects in the region.

“These include the Vista Gold Mount Todd project and the Katherine to Gove gas pipeline, each new project adds pressure to the demand for housing,” Mr Westra van Holthe said.

“I promised during the election campaign that a Country Liberals Government would act quickly to identify and release residential land, this release of land represents the fulfilment of that commitment.

“The Country Liberals Government is acting swiftly to ease Katherine’s housing crisis and prepare for the future.”

The successful developer is expected to be announced in October, work is expected to begin early next year and lots will be put on the market depending on the development schedule.

An industry briefing will be held in Katherine on Wednesday, 12 June for parties interested in the proposal, with registrations closing on 23 June.

To register, visit www.nt.gov.au/landrelease.

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