The Australian Mango Industry Association’s third Annual Conference will be held in Darwin for the first time this week.

National and international speakers will address the conference, which runs from the 13-16th of August at the Carlton Hotel. The Northern Territory Government is a major sponsor of the event.

Minister for Primary Industries Paul Henderson said all aspects of mango industry development would be examined throughout the conference.

"The Australian Mango Industry should be congratulated for selecting the Northern Territory for this conference” Mr Henderson said.

"I am sure association members will be pleasantly surprised with what the Territory can offer for the development of the Mango Industry, as well as for future opportunities for export and transport infrastructure.

"The NT Government is committed to providing high quality assistance to the Top End mango industry, and this commitment has recently been illustrated through the secondment of a Government employee to the NT Mango Industry as a development officer.

"Other recent Government initiatives include department organised technology transfer activities for the mango industry, and providing advice on fruit maturity development to assist with seasonal planning and logistics."

Mr Henderson said the conference would look at strategic issues relevant to people involved in all aspects of the mango industry, especially growers.

"The Territory has become synonymous with Mangos. There are close to one million mango trees in the ground in the Darwin and Katherine regions and the industry contributes in excess of $30 million to the Territory economy.

"It is great to see that an increasing number of national industry organisations are choosing Darwin for their conferences."