Housing Minister John Ah Kit today hailed the construction of the Territory’s first purpose built cluster housing development catering for the needs of disabled Territorians. The $1.2 million development has allowed HPA Incorporated (formerly the Handicapped Persons Association) to develop eight units of accommodation for disabled people in Palmerston.

"This development is very much about the Martin Labor Government working with community-based groups such as HPA to accommodate the needs of the community.

"HPA identified the need for specialised disabled housing in Palmerston, and I am very happy our Government made the $1.2 million available for the construction through its Community Housing Program.

"The units – designed by local Darwin firm MKEA – will be ready for occupation by October. With 6 single bedroom and 2 double bedroom units, as many as 10 disabled people will be accommodated, with an extra two bedroom unit for a caretaker," Mr Ah Kit said.

Speaking at the building site in Farrar Boulevard, Farrar, in Palmerston Mr Ah Kit said the land for the development had been set aside for public housing development and handed across to HPA as the Government recognised the urgent need for disabled housing in the Palmerston area.

HPA encompasses Darwin Accommodation Services, which provides accommodation and support services for people with disabilities.
"This project is of great benefit to the disabled community, as well as being a welcome shot in the arm for the construction industry," said Mr Ah Kit.