The Territory Government will host a special reception for a visiting 27-member United States delegation - including 6 Congressmen, their spouses and staff - at Parliament House this afternoon.

Chief Minister, Clare Martin, said that the delegation, led by Congressman James Hanson, was in Darwin to discuss topics including park management, private verse public land use, and other environmental issues.

The delegation, which arrived in town last night, will meet with Territory Government representatives and a cross section of local defence and business people.

"The visiting US Congressmen will also meet with representatives from the gas industry and will visit a number of key tourism destinations including Kakadu National Park and Ayres Rock (Uluru)," Ms Martin said.

"This is a great opportunity for the Northern Territory to strengthen its links with the United States and demonstrate the opportunities that exist in this part of the world.

"Building strong working relationships with National and International leaders is integral to this Government as we move to build on the Northern Territory’s advantages."

Ms Martin presented the Chairman of the Delegation, Mr Hanson, with a small water painting of "Kakadu" by local artist Peter Snelgar.

The delegation of 22 men received NT Ties and cuff links while the 12 ladies were presented with Floral NT Scarves.

"The 6 Congressmen, and other top level officials, will return home with an better awareness of Australia’s north, the unique challenges it faces and the potential it holds."

The delegation travels to Uluru on Thursday before heading to Queensland on the weekend.