The Northern Territory Government is seeking expressions of interest for the reuse of treated effluent in Alice Springs.

Infrastructure, Planning and Environment Minister Kon Vatskalis said the move represents another step in the co-ordinated program to reduce the town’s water consumption.

"An information pack for prospective users of treated waste from Alice Springs is being prepared by the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development and the Power and Water Authority," Mr Vatskalis said.

"The information pack will include information on available land areas for effluent reuse, the quality and quantity of the treated water to be supplied, and economic analyses of the potential return from table grapes and other crops that may be grown using recycled water.

"A number of potential investors have already been in touch with the Government."

The Minister for Central Australia, Dr Peter Toyne, welcomed the move.

"The goal of increasing the reuse of treated waste water is a major element of the co-ordinated program to manage the overall demand for water services in Alice Springs," Dr Toyne said.

"Increasing the reuse of recycled water would also stop the current overflows of treated waste water into the Ilparpa clay pan.

"This would reduce both the potential mosquito breeding ground and environmental impact on the clay pan."

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