The Northern Territory Chief Minister Clare Martin and Lord Mayor George Brown today announced arrangements for people in Darwin to express their condolences to the people of the United States of America.

Ms Martin and Mr Brown said people would be able to sign condolence books at the security desk at Parliament House, the customer service counter at the Civic Centre in Harry Chan Avenue or at Casuarina Library, Bradshaw Terrace during opening hours.

"Following consultation with the Australian-American Association in Darwin and the Returned Services League, a decision has been made to announce the Cenotaph on Bicentennial Park, the Esplanade as a site for the laying of floral or other tributes," they said.

"The Cenotaph is a monument to a number of conflicts around the world and, as such, is an appropriate site in Darwin for the laying of tributes."

Ms Martin said it was important for Territorians to be able to express their sympathy and empathy for the American people, following this week's terrorist attacks.

"I understand and share the enormous grief and anger felt by citizens of the Northern Territory at this time," she said.

"This tragedy has affected each and every one of us and a number of Australians have also lost their lives, while others still remain unaccounted for."

Ms Martin said the condolence books at Parliament House would be kept open for a considerable period of time, with bound copies to be sent to the US Ambassador in Canberra.

Mr Brown said the citizens of Darwin, over many decades, had had a strong relationship with the United States.

"They have stood side by side with us during moments of conflict and we share their sense of loss at this time," he said.

"Just like the rest of the world, the people of Darwin were shocked at the ruthlessness of the terrorist attacks in America this week and we offer, on behalf of the city, our deepest sympathy to the American people."