People in Palmerston are being given the chance to have their say on what justice services are needed in the area.

Residents will be given a series of surveys to fill out so they can voice their opinions on what is wanted in Palmerston.

Justice Minister Dr Peter Toyne announced today the surveys will be conducted to ask stakeholders about the types of justice services they would like to see in Palmerston and the surroundings area.

“There are some justice services already in operating in Palmerston but we’d like to explore the possibility of offering a service centre, almost like a one-stop shop,” Dr Toyne said.

“The government is serious about delivering the best possible justice services in the most efficient way to all Territorians.”

The Minister said Department of Justice services such as Court Support, births, deaths, marriages and land titles, fines recovery and consumer affairs could all be on offer.

“But we want to know what local businesses and stakeholders want as far as which justice services and the extent to which they might be delivered,” he said.

“That is why the department will be conducting the targeted surveys.”

The surveys will be distributed directly to the businesses and stakeholders. There will be also an opportunity for the general public to register their interest with a survey available from the government information centre at the Palmerston Shopping Centre and through a series of shopping centre surveys in early January 2005.