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Lee Point Joint venture agreement signing

Country Liberal Party Leader Denis Burke said he will be making sure that proper consultation takes place between the community and Government to ensure quality, value for money homes are built at the new Lee Point DHA project.

Mr Burke said a joint venture agreement to be signed today between the Defence Housing Authority and Canberra Investment Corporation Limited (CIC) will signal the start of the consultation and design phase of the Lee Point project.

“Given the public interest and concerns about the Territory Government’s half-hearted approach to developing the Lee Point land I will be paying close attention to the development’s progress,” Mr Burke said.

“The local economy stands to benefit from a commitment to use local contractors where possible. It’s the ‘where possible’ that I will be monitoring to make sure it is adhered to.

“The creation of a new community and suburb at Lee Point is reason for excitement for local business and homebuyers. There is a commitment for purpose built tropical homes on some 650 fully service residential allotments of which just over half will be for non defence force families.

“CIC will create the Lee Point Development Corporation Pty Limited (LPDC) to focus solely on the project. Working alongside CIC in management of the project will be the Darwin firm of Territory Project Consultants, supported by a team of consultants including NT firms of Connell Wagner, Earl James and Associates, Beatic Consulting, Bennett Design, Hassell Architects and NT LanDesign.

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