Community Development Minister John Ah Kit today launched a local government partnership agreement with Palmerston City Council.

Mr Ah Kit said partnership agreements were a practical measure the Northern Territory Government intend to use to work in a more effective way with local government.

"Partnership agreements will lead to improved social, economic and infrastructure development in local government," Mr Ah Kit said.

"Today is a watershed in rebuilding the relationships between the Northern Territory Government and local government.

"The development of such partnerships shows this government is committed to progressive local communities and sound local economies that are fundamental to the social and economic development of the Territory."

The Palmerston City Council has just completed an integrated local area planning exercise in conjunction with the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment.

Mr Ah Kit said issues that had been identified to date and incorporated within the agreement include:

- Goyder Hill
- Palmerston central business district development
- A proposed recreation centre
- Employment and training opportunities
- Homelessness
- Anti-social behaviour.

"Similar agreements to this one are currently being developed with the Darwin City Council and the Alice Springs Town Council."