AGREEMENT SIGNED FOR INDIGENOUS JOBS AT NEW SUBURB

Business and Economic Development Minister Paul Henderson today welcomed the signing of a new agreement to maximise Indigenous job and business opportunities at the new suburb of Lyons.

Seven hundred new houses will be built in Lyons, driven by the relocation of the 1st Aviation Regiment from Queensland in support of the Army’s new Tiger reconnaissance helicopters.

The Heads of Agreement was signed by the Lyons Development Corporation, the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation, Larrakia Development Corporation and the Northern Land Council and comes two weeks after a similar agreement was signed for the Darwin Waterfront Project.

“This is a significant milestone in the development of Darwin’s newest suburb that will deliver direct business and job opportunities to Territorians from this major project,” Mr Henderson said.

“The agreement sets out the commitment from the Lyons Development Corporation to employ Larrakia people and businesses during the construction phase and carry out on the job training wherever possible, further boosting the Territory’s skilled workforce.

“Darwin’s Indigenous heritage is also to be recognised and promoted in Lyons, with streets and parks to be given Larrakia names and public art depicting Larrakia stories to be displayed throughout Lyons.

“The Martin Government is committed to driving economic and social development for all Territorians, and I commend the parties involved in the Heads of Agreement.”

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