MINISTER FOR LANDS, PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SITES IDENTIFIED IN KATHERINE FOR OVER 400 HOMES

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Minister for Lands, Planning and the Environment, Peter Chandler, said today a 52 hectare site of Government land in Katherine has been identified to be released for future residential and some commercial development.

“An audit of Crown land in the Northern Territory has identified this site among others that which will provide much needed lots for new dwellings,” Mr Chandler said.

“The Government is aware there is a need for housing development in Katherine and we have acted quickly to find suitable land.

“The area will support up to 220 lots resulting in an estimated 400 to 500 homes, depending on the density of the development.

“Stage One of the development, located at the northern section of Lot 3011, between Katherine East Primary School and the Katherine Research Station will be made available for through a public expression of interest process later this year.

“Lots will be released in stages by the successful developer based on construction timeframes and public demand.”

“The Government is inviting expressions of interest under the Real Housing for Growth initiative for the development of three other areas of government land.

“A briefing for builders, investors and developers attracted 13 people who showed an interest in developing the sites. Expressions of Interest under the Real Housing for Growth Initiative close on 17 April 2013.”

Additional sites in Chardon Street have been identified for industrial use and will be released separately.

Local Member for Katherine, Willem Westra van Holthe said the Government is fast tracking the release of Government land in the Katherine region for residential sites and industrial use.

“This is fantastic for Katherine and long overdue. Katherine has been calling out for land development for a long time but was looked over by the former Government,” Mr Westra van Holthe said.
"Government will continue to consult the Katherine Town Council to assess needs and solutions.

"The development of a land use plan for Katherine is a priority for the new Planning Commission set up by the Country Liberals Government.

"The development of this plan will be undertaken with the Katherine Town Council and the community.

"Katherine will play a pivotal role in the development of Northern Australia and it is important that we are ready for such growth."

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