Land for a growing community

7 November 2014

Three parcels of land will be available to community groups or commercial operators willing to deliver important services or infrastructure in the Territory’s fastest growing region.

Fully or partially serviced lots (1256, 5045 and 5050) in the Palmerston suburbs of Rosebery and Johnston could be the site of the next Child Care Centre, Community Centre or Medical Clinic.

Registrations for a public Request for Proposals process open today and will remain so until 13 February next year, allowing organisations ample time to develop their proposals.

Minister for Lands, Planning and the Environment Peter Chandler said Palmerston was the Territory’s centre of growth and it is important that the rate of release of land for services matches that of residential land.

“Since coming to government the Country Liberals have made releasing land for residential development a priority as we tackle Labor’s legacy of skyrocketing cost of living and a housing crisis.” Mr Chandler said.

“In Palmerston alone the government has released land for around 2,650 homes which will bring increased demand on existing services, which is why releasing this community purpose land is so timely.

“Important services such as child care, medical or veterinary services could be offered by a commercial operator who would need to purchase the land from the government.

“Community or not-for-profit organisations could deliver other services like community space, leisure facilities or a place of worship – these groups could be eligible for a community land grant and enter into a nil-cost Crown lease.

“Competition of applicants will drive the best use of this land so I encourage any organisation or business with a good idea to put it forward for government’s consideration.”

Registrations open today, with two industry briefings being held on 19 and 26 November with submissions closing 13 February 2015.

The successful proponent is expected to be announced in May next year.

Media Contact: Jarrad Schwark 0437 914 736 or 8928 6617