Tenders have today been called for start of headworks at the Larapinta subdivision in Alice Springs.

The Minister for Lands and Planning, Kon Vatskalis, said the contract involves phase one of headworks at the new subdivision.

"This is an exciting time for the people of Alice Springs," Mr Vatskalis said.

"Just weeks after announcing a significant increase in the number of blocks to be yielded from this land release, we’re now calling for tenders for the start of work.

"This particular contract will deal with phase one of headworks at Larapinta, focusing on the construction of an intersection on Larapinta Drive, opening access to the new subdivision.

"Tenders for this job close on 23 October, with the contract expected to be awarded soon after."

Mr Vatskalis said today’s news would be welcomed by local residents and the construction industry, with the long-awaited project finally getting off the ground.

"There has been a lack of available land in Alice Springs for far too long," Mr Vatskalis said.

"The Labor Government is turning words into action and getting on with the job of making residential land available for sale in Alice Springs."