Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, Kon Vatskalis, say the imminent release of residential lots in the new Larrakia residential development at Palmerston, is evidence Native Title claims are not standing in the way of development in the Territory.

Mr Vatskalis said the Darla subdivision, Palmerston’s newest suburb, is a major success story for the Larrakia people.

"The Darla subdivision is evidence of the benefits of Government and Indigenous organisations working together in partnership to achieve positive outcomes for the community."

"Since the negotiated settlement of the Larrakia claim, reached last December, work has proceeded rapidly to develop the land ready for sale."

"Stage 1 of the development includes 57 blocks and already 22 have been sold."

Mr Vatskalis inspected the $24 million development of the Darla subdivision this morning.

"The progress made so far is a credit to the Larrakia people and all those involved in this project."

"Darla is providing jobs and home sites for Territorians. It is also providing financial independence and valuable training opportunities for Larrakia people."

Mr Vatskalis said the 50 hectare development will eventually include 390 homesites.