



Joining the national network

PROPERTY developers and homebuyers in the NT have been bolstered with the local development industry officially joining forces with the national Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA).

At a recent ceremony at The Heights, Durack residential development, UDIA national president Julie Katz and UDIA Northern Territory president Kerry Osborne signed a Memorandum of Understanding, which gives NT property developers access to the latest policies, research and initiatives of the UDIA nationally.

Membership of the UDIA's

national body will assist Territory developers seeking advice on federal policy issues such as a national approach to modern infrastructure to support a rising population, affordable housing, a fairer tax system to encourage more jobs and a reduction in red tape to reduce development bottlenecks in planning systems.

Mr Osborne says formal membership of the national federation is a major milestone for the industry in the Territory.

"The UDIA in the Territory has played a key role in representing the interests of local property developers and, in turn, the home buying public since our formation

four years ago," he said.

"However, until now we have operated independently from the UDIA national body and other states of Australia.

"To finally bring the Territory division of the UDIA into line with the rest of the nation is a fantastic step forward that will provide local developers with much greater access to advice and guidance on national policy issues, as well as news and information on new initiatives regarding urban design excellence that will ultimately help Territorians plan, build and move into better homes."

Ms Katz said the Memorandum of Understanding with

the NT division should be embraced by local developers.

"If you work in the property development industry in the Northern Territory, this is terrific news," she said. "Not only will Territory property developers benefit from superior access to national news, information and crucial policy developments, but supporting industry sectors will also benefit such as engineers, planners, architects, surveyors, lawyers and consultants."

The UDIA is Australia's peak representative body for all segments of the urban development industry.

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Julie Krantz and Kerry Osborne sign the Memorandum of Understanding.