

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

*Planning Act 1999*

AMENDMENT TO NT PLANNING SCHEME

I, EVA DINA LAWLER, Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, under sections 13(2)(a)(i) and (ii) of the *Planning Act 1999*, amend the NT Planning Scheme by making the amendment, specified in the Schedule.

Dated 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020.



Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

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**SCHEDULE**

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**AMENDMENT No. 553**

**1. Citation**

This amendment to the NT Planning Scheme may be cited as Amendment No. 553.

**2. Amendment to Subclause 2 of Clause 1.3 (Exceptions)**

*After*

subclause 2(ai) of clause 1.3

*Insert:*

**1.3 EXCEPTIONS**

(aj) the clearing of native vegetation associated with the development of a Youth Justice Centre on Section 4225 Hundred of Bagot.
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### *Planning Act 1999* Section 13(2)(a)(iv)

#### Reasons for Decision

### NORTHERN TERRITORY PLANNING SCHEME

#### AMENDMENT No. 553

Amendment 553 introduces subclause 2(aj) to clause 1.3 "Exceptions". The introduction of this clause means that the provisions within clause 10.2 (Clearing of Native Vegetation) of the NT Planning Scheme do not apply to the development of a Youth Justice Centre on part Section 4225 Hundred of Bagot (498 Taylor Road, Holtze).

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) for construction of the Darwin Youth Justice Centre on Section 4225, which was considered under the *Environmental Assessment Act 1982* (EA Act).

On 10 April 2020, the NT EPA advised, through its Statement of Reasons, that the potential impacts and risks of the proposed action are not so significant as to warrant environmental assessment by the NT EPA. Throughout its Statement of Reasons, the NT EPA has noted that the measures proposed by the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics within its NOI will manage potential environmental impacts if implemented as proposed.

Given this context, I consider that there is no need to further consider the appropriateness of the environmental measures under the *Planning Act 1999*, and therefore an exemption from clause 10.2 of the Planning Scheme is suitable.

The amendment will allow the Northern Territory Government to construct a new Youth Justice Facility as soon as practically possible.

I approved this amendment without public exhibition because it specifically facilitates the development of a Youth Justice Centre, which directly responds to the recommendation of the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the NT.



EVA DINA LAWLER  
Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

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