

PART 2 – STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

2.1 Purpose of the Strategic Framework

1. The Strategic Framework:
 - (a) promotes the Objectives of the *Planning Act 1999* through the establishment of strategic policy and strategic land use plans to guide development;
 - (b) establishes a strategic direction for the Northern Territory and its regions that facilitates long term management of development to achieve coordinated and efficient planning outcomes;
 - (c) provides guidance on strategic planning priorities and intended outcomes of future development;
 - (d) balances the following considerations to inform strategic planning and decision making for development:
 - i. the sustainable use of resources and the protection of the natural environment and ecological processes;
 - ii. the integration of land use planning with transport and physical infrastructure planning to provide for the equitable, accessible, logical and efficient provision of such services;
 - iii. the facilitation of industrial, business and other employment and wealth generating activities to promote, support and engender economic development;
 - iv. the promotion of diverse housing options and the integration of planning for community facilities and services to foster a more connected, resilient and supported society;
 - v. the recognition of the unique characteristics, challenges and aspirations in different areas and communities within the scheme area; and
 - vi. the protection of places and buildings, which are of heritage or cultural value.

2.2 Components and Operation of the Strategic Framework

1. The Strategic Framework consists of strategic planning policies and strategic land use plans.
2. Strategic Planning Policies
Strategic Planning Policies establish high level policies, principles and strategic directions to guide future development.

Strategic Planning Policies:

- (a) may apply generally or to a particular issue or matter; and
- (b) inform and guide:
 - i. the preparation of Strategic Land Use Plans;

- ii. decision making in the absence of Strategic Land Use Plans applicable to a particular **site** or issue; and
- iii. decision making in relation to variations to any component of the hierarchy of Strategic Land Use Plans.

3. Strategic Land Use Plans

The hierarchy of Strategic Land Use Plans specified at Table to Clause 2.4 includes:

- (a) Regional Land Use Plans – applicable to the region established by the plan that:
 - i. identify high level characteristics and needs that will shape development;
 - ii. establish a long term plan to respond to identified characteristics and needs that inform the distribution and management of anticipated growth across the region;
 - iii. identify the need for and locations to accommodate regional infrastructure; and
 - iv. identify issues needing further investigation or consideration during preparation of more detailed Strategic Planning Policies or Strategic Land Use Plans.
- (b) Subregional Land Use Plans – applicable to a component of a region that:
 - i. build on the higher level of guidance from any relevant Strategic Planning Policy and/or Regional Land Use Plan;
 - ii. establish more detailed guidance for development based on more detailed investigation or evaluation of characteristics and needs;
 - iii. identify the need for and sites to accommodate subregional infrastructure; and
 - iv. may include concept plans and other related conditions for specific locations that foreshadow the need for more detailed and / or **site** specific land use planning.
- (c) Area Plans – establish a further level of detailed guidance, including concepts, for the future development of particular localities, neighbourhoods, focus areas or streets to:
 - i. advance the policy objectives of any relevant higher order Land Use Plans and Strategic Planning Policy;
 - ii. respond to constraints and land suitability as identified through any relevant higher order Land Use Plans;
 - iii. respond to the local character, needs and aspirations of the community;
 - iv. provide, in some circumstances, guidance for:
 - (1) variation from a zone purpose and/or outcome in Part 4 to account for the local context set out in the Area Plan;
 - (2) variation of requirements in Parts 5 or 6 that may be required to achieve the objectives of the Area Plan; or

- (3) a higher standard of development than is set out in a requirement of Parts 5 or 6 to help achieve the objectives of the Area Plan.
4. The Strategic Framework guides the interpretation of all Parts of the Planning Scheme.

Where there is inconsistency between the components of the Strategic Framework, Area Plans, providing the most detailed level of guidance, prevail over higher-order Land Use Plans and Strategic Planning Policies to the extent of any inconsistencies.

Subregional Land Use Plans, Regional Land Use Plans and Strategic Planning Policies will guide interpretation of the Planning Scheme when:

- (a) there is no applicable Area Plan;
- (b) the Area Plan does not provide guidance on a particular issue;
- (c) a use or development does not accord with an Area Plan; or
- (d) a new Area Plan is being created or a change is proposed to an existing Area Plan.

2.3 Strategic Planning Policies

1. Strategic Planning Policies for the Planning Scheme are identified in the table to this clause:

Table to Clause 2.3: Strategic Planning Policies	
	Compact Urban Growth Policy

2.4 Hierarchy of Strategic Land Use Plans

1. The Hierarchy of Strategic Land Use Plans for the Planning Scheme are identified in the table to this clause:

Table to Clause 2.4: Hierarchy of Strategic Land Use Plans	
<i>Regional Plans</i>	
	<i>Sub Regional Plans</i>
	<i>Area Plans</i>
Darwin Region	
	Darwin Regional Land Use Plan
	Archer Area Plan
	Berrimah Farm Planning Principles and Area Plan
	Berrimah North Planning Principles and Area Plan
	Central Darwin Area Plan
	Central Palmerston Area Plan
	Darwin Inner Suburbs Area Plan
	Darwin Mid Suburbs Area Plan

Table to Clause 2.4: Hierarchy of Strategic Land Use Plans	
Regional Plans	
	<i>Sub Regional Plans</i>
	<i>Area Plans</i>
	Lee Point Planning Principles and Area Plan
	Palmerston Eastern Suburbs Planning Principles and Area Plans
	Litchfield Subregional Land Use Plan
	Coolalinga and Freds Pass Rural Activity Centre Area Plan
	Howard Springs Rural Activity Centre Area Plan
	Humpty Doo Rural Activity Centre Area Plan
	Holtze to Elizabeth River Subregional Land use Plan
	Greater Holtze Area Plan
	Coomalie Planning Concepts and Land Use Objectives
	Batchelor Area Plan
	Finniss Planning Concepts and Land Use Objectives
Alice Springs Region	
	Alice Springs Regional Land Use Plan
	Arumbera Area Plan
	Central Alice Springs Area Plan
	Kilgariff Area Plan
Barkly Region	
	Tennant Creek Land Use Plan
Katherine Region	
	Katherine Land Use Plan
	Katherine East Area Plan
Major Remote Towns and other areas	
	Ali Curung Area Plan
	Angurugu Area Plan
	Borrooloola Area Plan
	Daguragu Area Plan
	Elliott Area Plan
	Galiwin'ku Area Plan
	Gapuwiyak Area Plan
	Gunbalanya Area Plan
	Hermannsburg Area Plan
	Kalkarindji Area Plan
	Lajamanu Area Plan
	Maningrida Area Plan
	Milingimbi Area Plan
	Milyakburra Area Plan
	Ngukurr Area Plan
	Numbulwar Area Plan
	Papunya Area Plan
	Ramingining Area Plan
	Umbakumba Area Plan
	Wadeye Area Plan
	Wurrumiyanga Area Plan
	Yirrkala Area Plan
	Yuendumu Area Plan