

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

*Planning Act 1999*

AMENDMENT TO NT PLANNING SCHEME

I, EVA DINA LAWLER, Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, under section 25(2)(c) of the *Planning Act 1999*, amend the NT Planning Scheme by making the amendment, specified in the Schedule.

Dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020.



Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

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SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT TO NT PLANNING SCHEME

PA2020/0031

**1. Citation**

This amendment to the NT Planning Scheme may be cited as Amendment No. PA2020/0031.

**2. Amendment of NT Planning Scheme**

Repeal the entire Northern Territory Planning Scheme and substitute it with the Northern Territory Planning Scheme 2020.

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***Planning Act 1999***

**Section 29**

**Reasons for Decision**

**NORTHERN TERRITORY PLANNING SCHEME**

**PA2020/0031**

**Repeal of the NT Planning Scheme in full, and substitution with the Northern Territory Planning Scheme 2020.**

I have repealed the existing NT Planning Scheme in its entirety and substituted it with the new Northern Territory Planning Scheme 2020.

The introduction of the Northern Territory Planning Scheme 2020 is a significant component of a review of the Northern Territory's planning system that commenced in 2017. Four stages of extensive consultation with the community, industry and government agencies, including statutory exhibition under the *Planning Act 1999*, have informed the creation of the new Planning Scheme.

The Northern Territory Planning Scheme 2020 introduces a new structure that will give greater emphasis to the role of strategic planning in guiding decisions and future development, and provide a clearer and more accessible planning process.

The introduction of merit and impact assessment categories will streamline application and assessment processes, and provide for simplified assessment of low impact development.

Alterations to the exhibited version of the draft Northern Territory Planning Scheme 2020 address issues and concerns raised during exhibition and in further discussions with stakeholders. The alterations are considered to be not so significant or extensive as to warrant re-exhibition because they do not result in major changes to policy requirements.



**EVA DINA LAWLER**

**Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics**

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