

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Planning Act

AMENDMENT TO NT PLANNING SCHEME

I, DAVID WILLIAM TOLLNER, Minister for Lands and Planning, under section 25(2)(c) of the *Planning Act*, amend the NT Planning Scheme by making the amendment, specified in the Schedule.

Dated

15/6/2015.



Minister for Lands and Planning

SCHEDULE

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AMENDMENT No. 387

1. Citation

This amendment to the NT Planning Scheme may be cited as Amendment No. 387.

2. Amendment of clause 4.1

(1) After paragraph (c) -

Insert

(d) promote a more compact urban form in appropriate locations to maximise infrastructure utilisation and enhance urban liveability;

(2) After the final paragraph -

Insert

(l) consider the provision of social infrastructure in order to maintain and enhance the quality of community facilities.

3. Amendment to Schedule 2 - Schedule to Clause 2.7

- (1) After the Katherine Land Use Plan -

Insert

Northern Territory Compact Urban Growth Policy
May 2015

Department of Lands,
Planning and the
Environment

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**NOTICE OF MAKING OF AMENDMENT TO NT PLANNING SCHEME
AMENDMENT No. 387**

I, DAVID WILLIAM TOLLNER, Minister for Lands and Planning, under section 28(1) of the *Planning Act*, give notice that –

- (a) I have, under section 25(2)(c) of the Act, amended the NT Planning Scheme by:
- amending clause 4.1 – Planning Principles and Framework: Northern Territory to include two new Principles relating to compact urban growth and social infrastructure; and
 - amending Schedule 2 – Schedule to clause 2.7: Reference to Policy to include the “Northern Territory Compact Urban Growth Policy”; and
- (b) copies of the amendment, (Amendment No. 387), are available from the Offices of the Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment, Ground Floor, 16 Parap Road, Parap.

Dated

15/6/2015



Minister for Lands and Planning

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Planning Act Section 29

Reasons for Decision

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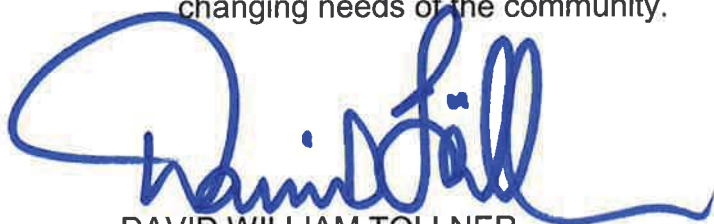
I have approved an amendment to the Northern Territory Planning Scheme that introduces:

- two new Northern Territory Planning Principles relating to compact urban growth and social infrastructure at clause 4.1; and
- a new document titled the "Northern Territory Compact Urban Growth Policy", which is to be included as a Reference to Policy document at the Schedule to clause 2.7.

These changes will provide a consistent and transparent set of benchmarks that will assist a decision maker in determining the merits of higher density residential development proposed by an area plan, a rezoning application or an exceptional development application. Further, these changes will provide improved certainty to the development industry and the community about where compact urban growth may occur.

Some additional benefits of encouraging compact urban growth in appropriate locations include:

- reducing our consumption of greenfield land – such land may otherwise be better used for environmental or food growing purposes;
- an improved carbon footprint and reduced travel times as new developments will occur near existing employment and service locations; and
- increasing the diverse supply of housing types which match the changing needs of the community.



DAVID WILLIAM TOLLNER
Minister for Lands and Planning

15 / 6 / 2015