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.


Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

SCHEDULE

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AMENDMENT No. 550

1. Citation

This amendment to the NT Planning Scheme may be cited as Amendment No. 550.

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

After

subclause 2(ag) of clause 1.3

Insert:

1.3 EXCEPTIONS

(ah) the temporary use and/or development of land for medical or health related activities associated with the need to rapidly respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic as advised necessary by a department or institutional establishment of the Crown. Following the COVID-19 Pandemic being declared finished by the Northern Territory Government, the use and/or development must cease and the land must, within 12 months, be reinstated to its previous state unless otherwise approved.”
Amendment 550 introduces subclause (2)(ah) to clause 1.3 (Exceptions). The introduction of this subclause means that the NT Planning Scheme does not prevent the temporary use and/or development of land for medical or health related activities associated the COVID-19 response, so long as a department or institutional establishment of the Crown advises that such a facility is necessary.

I approved this amendment without public exhibition because:

- the amendment is specifically to facilitate medical response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and not for broader purposes;
- the health facilities developed under this exemption are temporary and only for the duration of the COVID-19 Pandemic;
- any site used or developed in accordance with this exception must be reinstated to its previous state, unless otherwise approved by a consent authority; and
- the rapid deployment of medical facilities responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic is in the interests of all Territorians.

EVA DINA LAWLER
Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

24/3/2020