

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 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020.



Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

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SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT TO NT PLANNING SCHEME

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"

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***Planning Act 1999***  
**Section 13(2)(a)(iv)**

**Reasons for Decision**

**NORTHERN TERRITORY PLANNING SCHEME**  
**AMENDMENT No. 550**

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

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