

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



Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

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SCHEDULE

AMENDMENT TO NT PLANNING SCHEME

AMENDMENT No. 551

**1. Citation**

This amendment to the NT Planning Scheme may be cited as Amendment No. 551.

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

*After*

subclause 2(ah) of clause 1.3

*Insert:*

**1.3 EXCEPTIONS**

- (ai) Physical improvements associated with an existing use, funded by either the 'Home Improvement Scheme', the 'Business Improvement Grant' or the 'Immediate Work Grant' under the March 2020 'Jobs Rescue and Recovery Plan' response to the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically where the physical improvements are:

  - (i) Internal works, physical upgrades and improvements; or
  - (ii) External works using the 'Home Improvement Scheme' that are fully compliant with Part 4 of the Planning Scheme.
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**Section 13(2)(a)(iv)**

**Reasons for Decision**

**NORTHERN TERRITORY PLANNING SCHEME**

**AMENDMENT No. 551**

Amendment 551 introduces subclause (2)(ai) to clause 1.3 (Exceptions). The introduction of this subclause means that the NT Planning Scheme does not prevent improvements to existing homes and businesses that are funded by either the 'Home Improvements Scheme', the 'Business Improvement Grant', or the 'Immediate Work Grant' under the March 2020 'Jobs Rescue and Recovery Plan' response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Specifically, this exemption will apply to:

- internal works, physical upgrades and improvements partially or wholly funded by the three schemes within the 'Jobs Rescue and Recovery Plan'; and
- external works partially or wholly funded by the Home Improvement Scheme within the 'Jobs Rescue and Recovery Plan' only, so long as such works comply with the requirements in the NT Planning Scheme.

I approved this amendment without public exhibition because:

- the amendment is specifically to facilitate the NT Government economic stimulus package in response to the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and not for broader purposes;
- the improvements may only be carried out to an existing legally established use of the premises or site; and
- the exception is only valid for the duration of the three funding scheme available within the 'Jobs Rescue and Recovery Plan'.



**EVA DINA LAWLER**

Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

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