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 8th August 2019.

Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

SCHEDULE

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AMENDMENT No. 530

1. Citation

This amendment to the NT Planning Scheme may be cited as Amendment No. 530.

2. Definition

In this amendment –

"amending map" means the map, signed by the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics and marked "NT Planning Scheme Amendment No. 530", deposited in the office of the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, Darwin;

"zoning map" means the zoning map within the meaning of the NT Planning Scheme.
3. Amendment of Zoning Map

The NT Planning Scheme is amended by amending the zoning map relating to Litchfield to the extent of its inconsistency with the amending map in respect of the area of land shown on the amending map bounded by a thick black line and lettered CP which is part Section 4225 Hundred of Bagot.
I have decided to rezone part Section 4225 Hundred of Bagot from Zone R (Rural) to Zone CP (Community Purposes). The rezoning will facilitate the development of a Youth Justice Centre on this site.

This rezoning proposal responds to the outcomes and recommendations of the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the NT. Specifically, this report has noted the need to close the current Don Dale Youth Detention Centre, and replace it with a new, purpose built facility that provides for the healing and rehabilitation of young people who need to be placed in a secure facility.

I note that the rezoning is not specifically envisaged by the Darwin Regional Land Use Plan 2015. However, the Darwin Regional Land Use Plan 2015 could not have anticipated the specific situation investigated by the Royal Commission, and therefore it is appropriate to take into account a broader range of matters when considering this amendment.

Within this context, I have determined that this portion of Section 4225 is a suitable location for the Darwin Youth Justice Centre because:

- the site is vacant, and it will allow for the establishment of a purpose built Youth Justice facility in close proximity of existing essential and social infrastructure networks;
- such a facility in this location is compatible with other existing government and community activities that occur nearby;
- the Darwin Corrections Centre is not visible from the site due to existing dense vegetation between the two sites;
- this site is separated from the Darwin Corrections Centre by vacant land, and a future utility and railway corridor that are approximately 300 metres in combined width;
- land surrounding the site is free from urban settlement, and the establishment of the centre in this location will not impact on community amenity; and
- the site is owned by the Crown, which means Government retains full controls over any future development that may encroach on this facility.
I have decided not to advertise this amendment as I believe it is not so significant to require exhibition. Specifically, as large areas of land surrounding the site are undeveloped and owned by the Crown, rezoning this site to facilitate a youth justice centre will not impact on the community. In addition, the facility will use existing road networks, and the volume of traffic generated by this activity will not impact on the operation of these networks.

Parties that hold Mineral Extraction Licences over Section 4225 will be able to continue conducting activities in accordance with their licences. The Youth Justice Centre and activities on the Mineral Extraction Licence areas will not be in conflict due to the distances that separate these activities.

EVA DINA LAWLER
Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

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