

# Updating your paper copy of the NT Planning Scheme

## Amendment 26

1. Remove the following page from your paper copy of the NT Planning Scheme:  
Part 1-1 and Part 1-2
2. Print the replacement page(s); and
3. Insert replacement page(s) before  
Part 1-3





## PART 1

### 1.0 PRELIMINARY

#### 1.1 CITATION

This document is the Northern Territory Planning Scheme and may be cited as the Scheme.

#### 1.2 APPLICATION

1. This Scheme applies to the whole of the Northern Territory with the exception of an area subject of a specific planning scheme made pursuant to section 8 of the Planning Act.
2. Where there is an inconsistency between the contents of Part 3 and Part 8 of the Scheme the provisions of Part 3 prevail.

Provisions relating to subdivision and the clearing of native vegetation apply to most of the Northern Territory.

#### 1.3 EXCEPTIONS

1. Unless specified, other than for subdivision or consolidation or by virtue of an Interim Development Control Order, this Scheme does not prevent the use or development of land that is not zoned.
2. Unless specified, this Scheme does not prevent any of the following:
  - (a) the use or development of land:
    - i. as a road; or
    - ii. for sport and recreation.
  - (b) the construction, alteration, repair or maintenance of:
    - i. facilities for the reticulation of water, sewerage, gas or electricity or, subject to clause 13.5, transmission of telecommunications services;
    - ii. stormwater drains; or
    - iii. roads and traffic lights.
  - (c) the strengthening to a safe condition of a building or works;

Clause 13.4 relates to land adjacent to designated roads. Clause 10.2 requires consent for the clearing of native vegetation.

Telecommunication facilities defined by the Commonwealth as "low impact" are immune from Northern Territory planning control.

Clause 6.10 refers to building works in zone HT (Heritage). Subject to clause 6.10 Alice Springs, Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine and Tennant Creek municipal councils control the erection of advertising signs. On land within a road corridor under the care and control of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure the approval of that Department is also required.

- (d) the erection or display of a sign which is:
- i. a traffic control or driver advisory guide, service or similar device;
  - ii. displayed under a statutory obligation;
  - iii. on enclosed land or within a building and not readily visible from land outside the enclosure or building;
  - iv. of a temporary nature used to advertise property that is available for rent, lease, sale, auction or inspection subject to clause 6.7;
  - v. displayed on or inside a vehicle, other than a vehicle which is adapted and exhibited primarily as an advertising sign;
  - vi. an interpretive sign used for describing a place or an item of historical or educational significance; or
  - vii. a public safety advisory sign displayed by a government agency or local authority;
- (e) subject to clause 6.10, the erection or display of a business sign or promotion sign within the municipalities of Alice Springs, Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine or Tennant Creek; or
- (f) the conduct of any mining activity under any mining interest (where the terms "mining activity" and "mining interest" have the same meaning as in the *Mining Management Act*)
- (g) the erection, placement or use of a construction site office permitted under the *Building Act*.
- (h) the use or development of land for a period not exceeding 28 days in association with a special community event or festival where management of the event is assisted by a community organisation, education establishment, or recognised religious or charitable organisation, or a department or institutional establishment of the Crown. Any buildings or structures constructed for the purpose are to be removed within the 28 day period.

Clause 6.10 refers to Heritage places and development.

Amendment 16  
Gazetted 22/8/2007  
alters clause 1.3 2(f)

Amendment 26  
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introduces  
clause 1.3 2(h)