

Legislation

Lands and Planning

- Aboriginal Land Act
- Architects Act
- Building Act
- Control of Roads Act (Part IV only)
- Crown Lands Act (except section 79)
- Crown Lands Freehold (Conversion from Crown Leasehold) Act
- Dangerous Goods Act (licensing of gasfitters)
- Electrical Workers and Contractors Act
- Electricity Reform Act (in so far as it relates to safety regulation)
- Lands Acquisition Act
- Lands Acquisition (Pastoral Leases) Act
- Licensed Surveyors Act
- Miscellaneous Acts Amendment (Aboriginal Community Living Areas) Act
- Northern Territory Land Corporation Act
- Palmerston Development Authority Act Repeal Act
- Place Names Act
- Planning Act
- Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Act
- Plumbers and Drainers Licensing (Validation) Act 1990
- Special Purposes Leases Act
- Valuation of Land Act

Environment and Heritage

- Environmental Assessment Act
- Environmental Offences and Penalties Act
- Heritage Conservation Act
- National Environment Protection Council (Northern Territory) Act
- National Trust (Northern Territory) Act
- Ozone Protection Act
- Waste Management and Pollution Control Act



Conservation and Natural Resource Management

- Bushfires Act
- Cobourg Peninsula Aboriginal Land, Sanctuary and Marine Park Act
- Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park Act
- Parks and Wildlife Commission Act
- Pastoral Land Act
- Soil Conservation and Land Utilisation Act
- Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act
- Water Act
- Weeds Management Act

Transport and Infrastructure

- Aerodromes Act Repeal Act 2002
- Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act
- Control of Roads Act (except Part IV)
- Marine Act
- Marine Pollution Act
- Motor Vehicles Act
- Northern Territory Rail Safety Act
- Petroleum Products Subsidy Act
- Road Safety Council Act
- Road Transport Charges (Northern Territory) Act
- Road Transport Reform (Vehicles and Traffic) (Northern Territory) Act
- Traffic Act

Statutory Authorities and Bodies

The Parks and Wildlife Commission Board is appointed by the Minister and includes government, Aboriginal, tourism, pastoral, scientific and conservation representatives. The Board has legislative responsibility for the strategic direction of all Parks and Wildlife activities.

The Board met four times in 2003-04.

Members at 30 June 2004 were:

Mr Barry Chambers, Chairman and Director of the Parks and Wildlife Commission NT

Mr Robert Lee, a traditional Aboriginal owner in the Katherine Region

Ms Maree Tetlow, Managing Director of the NT Tourist Commission

Ms Mary Yarmirr, a senior traditional owner from Croker Island

Mr Rod Corey, Head of Infrastructure, Department of Defence

Dr Peter Whitehead, Director of the Key Centre for Tropical Wildlife Management at the Northern Territory University.

The **Development Consent Authority** was established under the *Planning Act*, and comprises seven divisions in the areas of Alice Springs, Batchelor, Darwin, Katherine, Litchfield, Palmerston and Tennant Creek.

Each division of the Authority is constituted by the Chairman and four members. The relevant local or community government council provides for each division, nominations to the Minister for the appointment of two members and an alternate member for those two members. The other members are appointed directly by the Minister. The Minister may also appoint a division member to be the Deputy Chairman for the division. Should a direct appointment of the Minister be absent from a meeting, the Chairman may appoint a member of another division to attend in their place.

The Authority determines development applications under the *Planning Act* and the NT Planning Scheme, and conducts hearings into other matters as requested by the Minister.

Under section 85 of the *Planning Act*, the Minister is able to direct the Authority in relation to the determination of a particular application but must table a summary of the development application, terms of direction and the reasons for the direction in the Legislative Assembly. Two directions were given under this provision during 2003-04.

The Authority met 58 times in 2003-04 which included conducting 19 public hearings on behalf of the Minister.

The Authority issued 443 development permits, approved 217 variations to permits, and issued 23 notices of refusal in relation to development applications.

This is an overall reduction of 16 per cent in development approval activities over the previous year.

Members at 30 June 2004 were:

Chairman: Mr John Pinney AM

Alice Springs: Ms Jennifer Mostran
Alderman David Koch
Ms Raelene Beale (alternate for Council nominees)
Mr John McBride
Mr David Cloke

Batchelor: Councillor Vacant
Councillor Bruce Jones
Council President Wendy Leach (alternate for Council nominees)
Mrs Joy Thiel
Mr Richard Luxton

Darwin: Alderman Robert Elix
Alderman Garry Lambert
Alderman Kerry Moir (alternate for Council nominees)
Mr Michael Mooney
Mr David Hibbert

Katherine: Mr James Forscutt
Alderman Mark Gage
Alderman Desmond Buckerfield (alternate for Council nominees)
Mr Robert Dennis
Ms Nannette Helder

Litchfield: Shire President Mary Walshe
Mrs Ethel Bourke
Councillor Narelle Williams (alternate for Council nominees)
Mr Ted Warren
Mr Richard Luxton

Palmerston: Mr David Elliott
Alderman Judy Joyce
Alderman Ian Abbott (alternate for Council nominees)
Dr Michael Kilgariff
Mr Robert Lee

Tennant Creek: Mr Paul Ruger
Alderman Barry Sharples
Mr Barry Harker (alternate for Council nominees)
Mr Kenneth Jones
Mr William Boulter

Secretary: Ms Margaret Macintyre

The Northern Territory Architects Board is constituted under the *Architects Act* to authorise or refuse the registration of an applicant (subject to conditions) for a natural person as an architect; an architectural partnership; or an architectural company.

Members at 30 June 2004 were:

Chairman: Mr Ross Finocchiaro
Deputy Chairman: Mr Richard Layton
Member: Mr Geoffrey Samuels
Registrar: Mrs Bernadette McKirdy

The **Building Advisory Committee** is a statutory body under section 9(1) of the *Building Act*. The Committee advises the Minister on appropriate technical standards and matters arising from administration of the Act. The Committee is also responsible for the accreditation of building products, construction methods, design and component systems. The Committee met eight times in 2003-04.

Members at 30 June 2004 were:

Chairman: Mr Colin Pascoe
Deputy Chairman: Mr Ross Tonkin
Members: Mr George Curran
 Mr Bevan Pratt
 Mr Fabio Finocchiaro
 Mr Paul Nowland
Registrar: Mrs Glenda Thornton

The **Building Appeals Board** was established under section 17(1) of the *Building Act* to determine:

- modifications to the applications of building regulations with regard to specific building work;
- appeals by owners or their agents against decisions of a building certificate;
- appeals by the director against the decision of a building certifier; and
- appeals against decisions of the director.

The Board met 12 times in 2003-04.

Members at 30 June 2004 were:

Chairman: Mr John Brears
Deputy Chairman: Mr Ross Tonkin
Members: Mr Peter Johnson
 Mr Roger Perfrement
 Mr Stuart Delahay
 Mr Bevan Pratt
 Mr Craig Leslie
Registrar: Mrs Glenda Thornton

The **Building Practitioners Board** was established under the *Building Act* to ensure that the qualifications and performance of building practitioners are commensurate with their responsibilities under the Act.

The Northern Territory's building control system is supported by private sector certification. Building practitioners are responsible for certifying, within their respective level of registration, that building works are designed and constructed in accordance with the Northern Territory *Building Act*, the Building Code of Australia and associated Australian Standards. Building practitioners also must be registered with the Building Practitioners Board.

The Board met 13 times in 2003-04.

Members at 30 June 2004 were:

Chairman:	Ms Penelope Whinney-Houghton
Deputy Chairman:	Mr John Scott
Members:	Mr Gary Nielson
	Mr John Brears
	Mr Leslie Pratt
	Mr Randal Jones
	Mr Fabio Finocchiaro
	Mr Kerry Osbourne (inquiry panel member)
	Mr John Gersekowski (inquiry panel member)
Registrar:	Mrs Glenda Thornton

The **Community Living Areas Tribunal** is constituted under Part 8 of the *Pastoral Land Act* as an independent body to consider and make recommendations to the Minister in relation to applications for the excision of Aboriginal community living areas from pastoral leases.

Applications are referred to the tribunal by the Minister, who appoints two members, one selected from nominations provided by the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association and the other from nominations provided by the relevant land council. Together with the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman, these two people comprise the tribunal for the purpose of hearing that particular matter.

At 30 June 2004 members were:

Chairman:	Mr Hugh Bradley
Deputy Chairman:	Mr Stephen Southwood

The **Drillers Qualification Advisory Committee** is an advisory group with expertise in the water well drilling industry. The Committee provides advice to the Controller of Water Resources on the granting, renewal and variation of drilling licences.

Members at 30 June 2004 were:

Chairman:	Mr John Hickey
Members:	Mr Laurence Ah Toy
	Mr Brian Kunde
	Mr Grant Unsted
	Mr Jock White
	Mr Des Yin Foo
	Mr Daryl Gibbons
	Mr Michael Haynes

The **Heritage Advisory Council** advises the Minister on declaration and management of heritage places.

Members at 30 June 2004 were:

Chairman:	Mr Bob Alford
Members:	Ms Sue Dugdale
	Ms Elizabeth Close
	Ms Leshay Maidment
	Mrs Ruth Murphy
	Mr Vic Stephens
	Ms Lesley Mearns
	Ms Anna Malgorzewicz
	Dr Peter Whitehead

The **Land and Valuation Review Tribunal** is established under section 21 of the *Valuation of Land Act*. The tribunal reviews any decision of a Valuation Board of Review, which is referred to it by an objector who is dissatisfied with the Board's decision. Under the *Crown Lands Act*, the tribunal has a review function in relation to a decision of the Minister or the Valuer-General on an objection to a reappraisal of lease rent, an assessment of compensation for improvements on land or a determination to forfeit a lease of Crown lands. The tribunal has a similar review function under the *Special Purposes Leases Act* in relation to a decision of the Minister or the Valuer-General.

As required by the Act, the President and all members of the tribunal are judges of the Supreme Court.

Members at 30 June 2004 were:

Chairman:	Hon Brian Martin AO, MBE, QC, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory
Members:	Hon Justice David Angel QC
	Hon Justice Dean Mildren QC
	Hon Justice Sally Thomas AO
	Hon Justice Trevor Riley QC
	Hon Justice Stephen Bailey
Registrar:	Ms Margaret Rischbeith

The **Licensed Surveyors Appeal Tribunal** is established under the *Licensed Surveyors Act*. It consists of a legal practitioner of not less than seven years standing, appointed by the Attorney-General as the Chairman, and two licensed surveyors, who are not members of the Surveyors Board, appointed by the Minister.

The Tribunal has the power to hear and give judgment on an appeal against a Surveyors Board decision which:

- refuses a person's application for registration as a licensed surveyor;
- orders removal from the Register of the name of a licensed surveyor;
- reprimands a licensed surveyor; or
- suspends, otherwise than following a similar suspension in a reciprocating State or Territory, the registration of a licensed surveyor.

As no appeals have ever been lodged the Tribunal has never been constituted. Members will be appointed should the need to hear an appeal arise.

The **Pastoral Land Board** was established under section 11 of the *Pastoral Land Act*. The Board's functions are outlined under section 29 of the *Pastoral Land Act*. These include monitoring of the condition of pastoral land, annual reports to the Minister, determination of applications to clear pastoral land, administration of non-pastoral uses, and recommendations to the Minister on applications to subdivide pastoral leases.

Members at 30 June 2004 were:

Chairman: Mr Jim Forwood
Members: Mr Steven Craig
Mr James Hayes
Mr Russell Anderson
Mr John Childs

The **Pastoral Land Appeal Tribunal** was established under section 115 of the *Pastoral Land Act* to hear and determine appeals by pastoral lessees against:

- a decision or action of the Pastoral Land Board;
- a decision of the Minister or the Valuer-General on an objection to a determination of the value of improvements on pastoral land; or
- a decision of the Minister under section 40 of the Act in relation to a breach of a condition of a pastoral lease (which may be a decision to forfeit the lease in certain circumstances).

The Appeal Tribunal may confirm, vary or revoke the original decision or action and may substitute its own decision or direct that particular action be taken instead of the action appealed against.

The Appeal Tribunal is constituted in respect of each appeal by the Chief Magistrate, or a Magistrate chosen by the Chief Magistrate, as President of the Tribunal.

No members were appointed as there has never been an appeal. The Registrar of the Local Court in Darwin is the appointed Registrar of the Tribunal.

The **Place Names Committee** of the Northern Territory is established under section 5 of the *Place Names Act* to make recommendations to the Minister on the naming of public places (streets, roads, suburbs, localities and natural features).

The Committee met four times in 2003-04.

Members at 30 June 2004 were:

Chairman: Dr Bill Wilson
Mrs Pearl Ogden
Mr Jim Forscutt
Vacant

Secretary: Mr Stuart Duncan

The **Valuation Board of Review** is constituted under the *Valuation of Land Act* to review objections to valuations made under the provisions of the Act, usually for rating purposes. Sections 20B-20G of the *Valuation of Land Act* provide for the establishment by ministerial appointment of a Valuation Board of Review Panel.

Members at 30 June 2004 were:

Chairman: Mr John Patterson
Deputy Chairman: Mr Peter Doyle
Members: Mr Douglas Fraser
Mr John George
Mr Michael Mooney
Mr Peter Moffat
Mr Peter James
Mr Timothy Jacobs

The **NT Great Artesian Basin Water Advisory Committee** was established in 1997. Members are stakeholders in the area of the Territory covered by the Great Artesian Basin and represent Aboriginal, pastoral, tourism and potential horticultural interests. The Committee provides input to the national Great Artesian Basin Consultative Council. The National Council is being restructured and there are few current water resource issues in the basin requiring community input. The NT Great Artesian Basin Water Advisory Committee therefore did not meet during the year.

Members at 30 June 2004 were

Chairman: Mr Richard Tuckwell
Members: Mrs Jo Bloomfield
Mr David Doolan
Mr Graham Ride
Mr Craig Catchlove

The **Ti Tree Water Advisory Committee** was established in 1997 to advise the Controller of Water Resources on allocation and management of ground water resources in the Ti Tree Water Control District. Local horticulture, pastoral, Aboriginal and community interests, as well as specialist agronomic and hydrological expertise are represented on the Committee. The Committee reports annually to the Minister and met three times during the year.

Members at 30 June 2004 were:

Chairman:	Mr Bernie Brady
Members:	Mr Peter McKeand
	Mr Graham Ride
	Mr Geoff Kenna
	Mr Toly Sawenko
	Mr Gary Dann
	Mr Trevor Sowman
	Mr Gavin Kahl
	Mr Bruce Mcrae

The **Water Resources Review Panel** is an independent, expert, advisory and non-judicial group that may be called upon by the Minister to provide independent advice on appeals against decisions made by the Controller of Water Resources.

Members at 30 June 2004 were:

Chairman:	Vacant
Members:	Dr Rex Pyne
	Mr Anthony Espie
	Mr Mike Thompson
	Mr Frank Woerle
	Mr Ian Hillock
	Mr Leonardo Mariano
	Mr Vivian Oldfield
	Mr Peter McNally

The **Northern Territory Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Board** is a statutory authority established under section 5 of the *Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Act*. It is responsible for issuing advanced licences, journeyman registration cards and reciprocity certificates.

The Board administers the *Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Act* and ensures that only qualified persons obtain licences, registration cards and certificates. It is also responsible for assessing and maintaining standards of workmanship and protecting consumers by investigating complaints and where appropriate taking disciplinary action.

The Board fulfils its role by functioning in conjunction with other authorities that, under their respective legislation, require authorised plumbing and drainage works to be carried out by licensed tradesmen.

Meetings are held quarterly or as required to attend to business at hand. In 2003-04, six meetings were held to deal with applications for advanced

licences, journeyman registration cards, reciprocity certificates and complaints. The meetings also dealt with policy issues arising from the reviewed legislation and the introduction of a new training package.

The Board comprises a part-time Chairman and four part-time members, each appointed by the Minister for a term of three years or less.

Members at 30 June 2004 were:

Chairman:	Mr Stephen Say
Deputy Chairman:	Mr Peter McDonald
Members:	Mr Gary Neilsen
	Ms Wendi Masters
	Mr John Pudney

The **Northern Territory Electrical Workers and Contractors Licensing Board** is a statutory authority established under section 6 of the *Electrical Workers and Contractors Licensing Act*. It exercises powers under the Act relating to licensing electrical workers and electrical contractors to enhance electrical safety.

The Board's main objective is ensuring the safety of electrical workers, other workers, consumers and the general public by:

- ensuring electrical work is carried out by people who are competent and appropriately qualified;
- ensuring electrical workers and contractors working in the Northern Territory are properly licensed through a licensing and regulatory system that recognises local as well as equivalent licenses issued in other states and New Zealand; and
- investigating and conducting hearings into complaints relating to electrical work and taking disciplinary action where appropriate.

The Minister appoints the members and deputy members to the Board under the *Electrical Workers and Contractors Act*. Members are drawn from various representative groups within the electrical industry.

Members at 30 June 2004 were:

Chairman:	Mr Colin Freeman
Members:	Mr Darrol Sachs
	Mr Ken Kernich
	Mr Alan Paton
	Mr Steve Versteegh
	Mr Geoff Cowie
	Mr Daryl Byerley
	Mr Tim Hallen

The **Bushfires Council of the Northern Territory** is a statutory body established by the *Bushfires Act* and is subject to the direction of the Minister for Parks and Wildlife. The Council has a legislated responsibility to advise the Minister on bushfire prevention and control in the Territory, including policy and issues affecting the operational efficiency and strategic direction of bushfire management. The Minister appoints an independent Chairman, a Deputy Chairman and members of the Bushfires Council for a three-year term of office.

The Council has 15 members, of which nine chair the regional bushfires committees. They act as spokesmen for rural landowners and managers of pastoral, horticultural and agricultural enterprises in the Territory. Representatives from the Bureau of Meteorology, Police, Fire and Emergency Services, CSIRO and the Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development provide professional input.

The *Bushfires Act* does not apply to the 0.5 per cent of Northern Territory land within main urban centres, which comes under the control of Police, Fire and Emergency Services.

The Council meets biannually to consider policy and debate issues affecting operational efficiency and future strategic direction.

Members at 30 June 2004 were:

Chairman: Mr Roy Chisholm

Members: Mr Brian Hill
Mr Peter Saint
Mr Bruce Sawyer
Mr Richard Williams
Mr John Mora
Mr Ashley Severin
Ms Dianne Tynan
Mr Peter Cooke
Mr David Weir
Mr Thomas Hall
Mr Thomas Stockwell
Mr James Arthur

The Regional Bushfires Committees

The Northern Territory is divided into nine fire control regions that reflect varying land use, population density, climate, soil and vegetation type.

A Bushfires Committee represents each region and the six members are selected on a basis of local knowledge, experience or skills in bushfire management. Together with the Bushfires Council, the Committees have a combined membership of 60 principal shareholders or clients. Their main statutory function is the prevention and control of wildfires in their fire control regions.

Committees meet two to four times annually. The Minister appoints a Chairman and Deputy Chairman for each Committee, on advice from members. The Committees are statutory bodies in their own right and have a high degree of autonomy in establishing operational and administrative policies.

Members at 30 June 2004 were:

Alice Springs East

Chairman: Mr David Weir

Members: Mr David Bird
Mr Ben Hayes
Mr Edward Hayes
Mr Sean Leigh

RFCO: Mr Rod Herron

Alice Springs West

Chairman: Mr Ashley Severin

Members: Mr Terry Bartlett
Mr Walter Braitling
Mr John Kilgariff
Mr Douglas Sims

RFCO: Mr Shane Brumby

Arafura

Chairman: Mr Jeffrey Little

Members: Mr Doug McKean
Mr Brian Muir
Mr Samuel Forwood
Mr Ian Bradford

RFCO: Mr Christopher Whatley

Barkly

Chairman: Mr John Mora

Members: Mr Cameron Rasheed
Mr Ernest Holt
Mr Stephen Peatling
Mr John Stafford

RFCO: Mr Michael Campbell

Elliot/Wauchope

Chairman: Mr Peter Saint

Members: Mr Matthew Hayes
Mr Raymond Jansen
Mr Donald Robertson
Mr Ian Rush

RFCO: Mr Brian Dohnt

Gulf

Members: Mr Maxwell Gorringe
Ms Sonya Hart
Mr Thomas Stockwell
Mr Edward Webber

RFCO: Mr Edward White



Katherine

Chairman: Mr Brian Hill

Members: Ms Sarah Kerin
Mr Harry McNaught
Mr Gary Riggs
Mr Allan Thompson
Mr Patrick Willika

SFCO: Mr Adrian Creighton

Vernon

Chairman: Mr Bruce Sawyer

Members: Ms Lee Ann Humphris
Mr William Risk (Snr)
Mr Donald Roebuck
Mr Eric Shuker

RFCO: Mr John Whatley

Victoria River

Chairman: Mr Thomas Hall

Members: Mr Allan Andrews
Mr John Armstrong
Mr Steven Craig
Mr Alexander McColm

RFCO: Mr Gary Palmer

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