



Delia Lawrie
MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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IMPROVED PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES

Territory businesses will benefit by having their development applications dealt with as quickly as possible with extra front line staff being hired to help improve the process.

Planning and Infrastructure Minister, Delia Lawrie, said Budget 2007 will allocate funding for the new staff as part of a \$1.3 million injection to improve the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's frontline customer service operations.

"The new staff will help deal with the rising number of development and planning applications being made in the Territory," she said.

"Under the Martin Government construction in the Territory has increased five fold in recent years. This has put an increased strain on the planning and development processes that the Government oversees.

"The business community has come to Government asking that the processes be improved and in Budget 2007 we are responding."

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure plays an important role in ensuring that all proposed developments comply with all relevant legislation and regulations.

"The improvements will help business and the community better understand what is required of them and help ensure that their applications can be dealt with as quickly as possible," said Ms Lawrie.

Budget 2007 also contains an increase in fees and charges relating to development and rezoning applications. This is the first general increase since 1993.

The Government has kept the increase in fees for smaller developments to a minimum while the fees for larger projects will more accurately reflect the large amount of work involved in assessing them.

Currently whether a building project is worth \$300,000 or \$50 million they are both subject to the same development application fee of \$500.

Under the changes, any project under \$1 million will involve an increase of \$50 to \$550 while a project over \$50 million will now require an application fee of \$10,000.

The revised fees will not impact on Territorians building or buying detached houses or land/home packages as they are not subject to the development assessment process.

The new fees and charges are attached and will come into effect on July 1 this year.

Media Note: Minister Lawrie will be available for comment at 10am. Media adviser will call to check on media attendance.

Development	Existing fee	New Fee
Use (no physical)	\$120	\$130



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Single dwelling on one lot	\$120	\$130
Development <\$100k	\$120	\$130
Development >\$100 – \$250k	\$350	\$380
Development >\$250k - \$1m	\$500 (flat rate beyond \$250k)	\$550
Development \$1m - \$10m	\$500	\$2,000
Development \$10m - \$25m	\$500	\$5,000
Development \$25m - \$50m	\$500	\$10,000
Development >\$50m	\$500	\$15,000
Clearing of Native Vegetation	\$120	\$130
Subdivision	\$350 + \$20 per lot for 20 lots + \$5 per each additional lot	\$600 + \$30 per lot
Variation of permit	\$100	10% of application fee or \$110 whichever is the greater
Alteration Permit	\$100	\$110
Advertising costs	Nil	\$240
Compliance Check	Nil	20% of application fee or \$200 whichever is the greater
Certificate as to Compliance	\$100	\$110
Planning Certificate	\$60	\$70
Exceptional Development Permit	\$1500	\$1600
Planning Scheme Amendment	Nil	\$2200

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