

Communiqué on Moratorium

The Minister for Planning and Lands, the Hon Delia Lawrie, announced in Parliament on 28 April 2009 a package of initiatives to improve the level of certification compliance of buildings in all declared building areas.

The package of initiatives includes:

- An independent assessment of certification requirements by a team from Queensland.
- A 24 month moratorium period for property owners to obtain the required regulatory certification.
- A \$2 per kilometre subsidy in addition to reasonable accommodation payable to certifiers who travel to remote and regional areas.
- A Government taskforce to prioritise and oversee outstanding building certification for Government owned and leased buildings.
- \$100 000 per year for a cadet program in the Territory to improve the long term capacity of the certification system.

At the time of the announcement the Minister tabled the report prepared by the team from Queensland. A discussion paper on the Queensland report and other related matters, and the industry consultation process are currently being developed.

A building moratorium website has been created to cover matters relating to the package of initiatives. This website, listed below, contains the Hansard record of the announcement and the Queensland report that was tabled.

Updates on the initiatives, including details on the subsidy scheme, and discussion paper and consultation report will be available on the website soon.

<http://www.nt.gov.au/buildingmoratorium>