

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
AMENDMENT OF NT PLANNING SCHEME
PSA06/0001

Section 29 *Planning Act*
Reasons for Decision

I have repealed the existing Northern Territory Planning Scheme in its entirety and substituted the new NT Planning Scheme.

The *Planning Act* 1999 determined for the first time that there will be a Northern Territory Planning Scheme. On commencement of that Act all the current planning documentation formed the "Planning Scheme" in the expectation that it would be revised and rationalised into a consolidated Territory wide Scheme.

In 2000 the former Minister for Lands Planning and Environment, Tim Baldwin initiated the consolidation of the NT Planning Scheme into a single cohesive document. The preliminary draft was released for discussion in 2000-2001. In 2003 the then Minister for Lands and Planning, Kon Vatskalis released a discussion paper addressing shortfalls of the *Planning Act 1999* and a proposal to rationalise the Planning Scheme. The draft and preliminary draft were each the subject of extensive consultation with other government agencies, the community and industry and were generally well received.

As a result of the feedback received from the seventy five submissions, the exhibited Scheme has been altered to accommodate concerns with certain issues. The alterations are considered to be not so significant or extensive to warrant re-exhibition.



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