



NORTHERN TERRITORY  
**PLANNING  
COMMISSION**

## OUR VISION

Planning for a resilient,  
inclusive and prosperous  
Northern Territory

## VALUES

- ✓ Independent
- ✓ Strategic
- ✓ Evidence-led
- ✓ Transparent
- ✓ Respectful

# STRATEGIC PLAN 2026–28

## A CLEAR AND EFFECTIVE PLANNING SYSTEM<sup>1</sup>

Ensuring the NT planning system  
is clear, effective and aligned with  
the *Planning Act 1999*

### PRIORITIES

- » Establish a planning system performance framework
- » Review NT Planning Scheme (NTPS) strategic framework hierarchy and effectiveness
- » Review and provide advice on potential improvements to the planning system
- » Continuous review and enhancement of Commission operations

### SHORT-TERM ACTION

- » Advise on potential short-term legislative reforms (2026)
- » Advise on improvements to NTPS
- » Commission operations reviewed and enhanced (2026)
- » Annual reporting delivered

### LONG-TERM ACTION

- » Performance framework operational by 2027 and reported against annually
- » Review how Commission advice has informed planning decisions
- » Advise on improvements to NTPS
- » Advise on potential legislative reforms
- » Commission operations reviewed annually
- » Annual reporting delivered

## LEADERSHIP OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK

Independent and informed integrated  
strategic land use planning and policies  
to guide orderly growth and long-term  
sustainability across the Territory

### PRIORITIES

- » Informed strategic land use plan (SLUP) and policy reviews
- » Update priority documents within the strategic framework
- » Maintain a forward strategic planning program

### SHORT-TERM ACTION

- » Establish forward work program
- » Priority SLUP and policy work progressed in accordance with the work program

### LONG-TERM ACTION

- » Priority SLUP and policy work progressed in accordance with the work program
- » Work program reviewed annually

## TRUSTED, INDEPENDENT AND ENGAGED COMMISSION

Transparent engagement and  
independent advice to build  
understanding and trust

### PRIORITIES

- » Provide statutory advice in a timely and considered manner
- » Provide strategic advice to the Minister on emerging land use matters
- » Proactive research and policy development
- » Review Community Engagement Policy
- » Implement proactive Communications and Engagement Strategy and Action Plan
- » Strengthen stakeholder relationships

### SHORT-TERM ACTION

- » Continued delivery of statutory responsibilities
- » Strategic advice delivered
- » Community Engagement Policy reviewed and approved (2026)
- » Communications and Engagement Strategy and Action Plan in place (2026)

### LONG-TERM ACTION

- » Continued delivery of statutory responsibilities
- » Proactive stakeholder engagement delivered in accordance with the Communications and Engagement Strategy and Action Plan
- » Review activity and effectiveness of Commission engagements and communications annually
- » Annual activity summary published

<sup>1</sup> The Northern Territory planning system guides how land is used and developed through legislation, the NT Planning Scheme, strategic land use planning and development assessment processes to support sustainable growth and development.