



Crown land management and planning services

FACTSHEET

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Crown land management and planning in the Indian Ocean Territories

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) is the principal advisor to the Australian Government providing expertise and advice to the Commonwealth Minister in Crown land administration and land use planning in the Territories. DPLH also supports the WA Planning Commission to undertake its role, responsibilities and functions.

What does this mean for me?

DPLH provides the following professional and technical expertise, services and resources to the Territories:

Land Use Management	Land Use Planning
Crown Land Administration and Management – DPLH provides advice and assistance on policies, procedures and statutory requirements for the use and management of Crown land under the respective Crown land tenures.	DPLH undertakes assessment and processing of applications for structure plans, subdivisions, and strata title applications.
Crown Land Dealings and Surveys – DPLH prepares documentation for execution under delegated authority and lodgement of tenure documents for registration to deliver tenures. DPLH also arranges the instructions for land surveys/deposited plans to support Crown land dispositions in accordance with decisions on the delivering tenure(s).	DPLH implements statutory processes, and advises the local government and the Territories communities regarding local planning schemes, scheme amendments and local planning strategies.



As the Territories' lead Crown land administrator and land-use planning agency, the DPLH is responsible for key activities in strategic and statutory planning for the Territories' settlements, transport networks, public parks and recreation reserves, and a range of social and physical infrastructure well-ahead of their predicted need.

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