



Amendments to the *Land Valuation Act 2012*

The Norfolk Island *Land Valuation Act 2012* (NI) (the Act) has been amended to improve its operation and correct minor technical errors identified by the Norfolk Island Registrar of Titles and Valuer-General.

What changes have been made?

The main change is removing the requirement for an objection conference to be held before an objection to a valuation can be taken to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT). Objection conferences have been removed because they duplicate AAT conference requirements and can cause unnecessary delay in resolving disputes.

Other minor amendments have been made to improve administration of the Act, including:

- excluding an owner's name and address from information about the valuation roll given out by the Valuer-General to protect an owner's privacy;
- removing the need for 'change of ownership notices', instead allowing for the Registrar of Titles to directly update the valuation roll; and
- removing the requirement for an authorised person to stay in the vicinity of the place where damage has occurred. Instead, the authorised person must leave a notice.

Consultation

The Norfolk Island Registrar of Titles, Valuer-General and Chief Magistrate were consulted on the proposed amendments. The Norfolk Island community was also invited to make submissions to a consultation paper. One submission was received from the community and one was received from the Norfolk Island Regional Council.

During consultation it was suggested that the Act should be amended to allow for objections to be heard by the Norfolk Island Administrative Review Tribunal or a relevant state or territory body, instead of the AAT. This proposal will be considered as part of a larger project reviewing the operation of Norfolk Island tribunals.

Where can I get further information?

You can contact the Registrar of Titles at the Norfolk Island Regional Council for more information.

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