Development One Stop Shop Takes One More Step

Planning Minister Gerry McCarthy today welcomed a new service at the Northern Territory Government’s Development One Stop Shop.

Mr McCarthy said Development Applications Online will operate from 1 July 2010 meaning all development applications will need to be lodged electronically.

“The implementation of Development Applications Online improves the Development One Stop Shop which provides a single information and service point for anyone wishing to develop or for the public to view current proposals,” Mr McCarthy said.

“The Department of Lands and Planning will work with industry during the month to provide them with training and to help them set up their accounts to use the system.

“This will save applicants time and money through flexibility to lodge anytime, no longer having to provide 10 paper copies of applications, and being able to make payments using a credit card over the phone.

“The service will also streamline processes within the Department.

“Anyone without access to the Internet will not be disadvantaged as terminals and assistance will be available at all Development Assessment Services offices to help developers lodge their development applications.

“Help with preparation and lodgement of applications will continue to be available by making an appointment through the Development One Stop Shop.”

The Development One Stop Shop opened on 1 July 2009 to speed up development assessment across the Territory.

“The Development One Stop Shop has been successful since its opening because 584 applicants have received assistance through appointments,” Mr McCarthy said.

“Since that time the Development One Stop Shop has assessed 1348 applications and reduced average processing times and by taking the next step processing times are expected to reduce even further.

“I thank the Australian Government for providing $500,000 in funding to support this latest boost to our Development One Stop Shop.”

Go to www.nt.gov.au/planning for more information about the Development One Stop Shop and Development Applications Online.

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