Central appeals Tribunal reduces red tape for Territorians and businesses

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The Northern Territory Government is one step closer to establishing a one-stop-shop for civil and administrative appeals, following the passing of legislation in Parliament today.

Attorney-General John Elferink said the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NTCAT) will create a single, user-friendly system and will replace around 35 commissioners, tribunals, committees and boards.

“The Tribunal will create a central appeals point for Territorians and businesses, removing unnecessary duplication and inefficiencies,” Mr Elferink said.

“NTCAT will operate independently of Government and will hear and determine a broad range of administrative matters.

“It is estimated 117 wide-ranging Acts will be gradually and carefully amended to allow for the appeals mechanism of NTCAT.

“A further 54 Acts, that includes an appeals process through the Supreme Court and Local Court, will be assessed to identify its suitability for the NTCAT.

“NTCAT is a key component of the Northern Territory Government’s plans to create a more accessible and efficient justice system through the Pillars of Justice law reforms.”

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