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**New online survey approval system cuts red tape for building industry**

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Northern Territory private industry surveyors will soon have the ability to submit and have their plans approved online.

Minister for Lands and Planning David Tollner said the streamlining of the approval process will cut building construction industry red tape and provide significant benefits for both Government and private sector organisations.

“Accepting the lodgement of documents digitally will improve the efficiency of the development process and reduce the amount of data that needs to be entered,” he said.

“Duplication of information will also be significantly reduced through the online process.”

The first stage of the project covers the allocation of survey data, creation of parcel numbers and survey reference numbers and will provide an online gateway for all surveying based transactions with the Department of Lands and Planning.

Stage two, which is currently under development and expected to be launched mid-year, will allow surveyors the ability to lodge all their survey data and have plans approved online.

“Land transactions and development are at the heart of a prosperous economy with the data systems an integral part of facilitating such land transactions,” Mr Tollner said.

“The ability for development applications to be tracked from application lodgement to title issue will be a major benefit to the development industry once the system is complete.”

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