Delia Lawrie
MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND LANDS

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AMNESTY PERIOD FOR TRANSITIONAL BUILDERS REGISTRATION

Established, genuine residential builders in the Territory who did not submit an application for transitional registration by the cut off date in June 2006 now have a two month amnesty period.

Planning and Lands Minister, Delia Lawrie, said the amnesty period commences on 21 September 2006 and closes on 20 November 2006.

“Registration of residential builders commenced in December 2005 to provide increased consumer protection and to develop a more professional building industry. Special transitional provisions in the Building Act were put in place to recognise the many established reputable residential builders in the Territory,” said Ms Lawrie.

“Applications under these special provisions of the Building Act were required to be made within 6 months - the cut off date was 13 June 2006.”

The Minister said since the cut off date, enquiries have continued to be made to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure about registration under the transitional provisions.

“Following consultation with the Building Practitioners Board it was decided that a short amnesty period for the lodgement of late applications for transitional registration, outside the 6 months allowed by the Building Act be introduced,” said Ms Lawrie.

“I’m hearing from the construction industry how busy builders are and I appreciate the need for a bit of extra time. But this is the last call for builders to register under the special transitional arrangements.”

Applications must be received by the Building Practitioners Board no later than 4pm on 20 November 2006, applications received after this time cannot be accepted under any circumstances.

After the amnesty, residential builders will be required to apply for registration under the normal provisions of the Building Act.

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