

Buildings/building works on specified land parcels exempt from requiring occupancy certification

The Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics has declared all buildings and building works on 298 specified land parcels are exempt from requiring occupancy certification. While the declaration exempts the buildings and building works, this doesn't mean they aren't fit for occupancy.

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) undertakes repairs and maintenance of buildings on behalf of government. Repairs and maintenance is undertaken in accordance with current Australian building standards and regulations.

Repairs and maintenance inspections and any subsequent works are progressively carried to ensure buildings are maintained.

This is a complex legacy issue that has existed for many decades. While an exemption has been granted by the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics for all buildings and building works on 298 lots, all future works will achieve occupancy certification in accordance with the *Building Act 1993*.

What DIPL are doing

A cross-agency Building Compliance Taskforce was established to provide recommendations to government on achieving compliance for buildings/building works on specified land parcels are exempt from requiring occupancy certification.

This includes:

- establishing a panel contract of building certifiers, who, as part of their work, will undertake inspections
- undertaking an audit of buildings and building works on specified land parcels
- obtaining occupancy certification where possible
- assessing the adequacy of the *Building Act 1993* and make recommendations where required in consultation with industry.

For more information visit the [DIPL website](#).

Any queries can be made via email to buildingcompliance.dipl@nt.gov.au or via 08 8946 5135.