Crown land management, planning and heritage services

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Services

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH), on behalf of – and fully funded by – the Australian Government, is the principal advisor to the Australian Government. It provides expertise and advice to the Australian Government and Minister in Crown land administration, land use planning and heritage in the Territories.

DPLH also supports the WA Planning Commission to undertake its role, responsibilities and functions.

What does this mean for me?

DPLH provides the following professional and technical expertise, services and resources to the Territories:

Land Use Management	Land Use Planning	Heritage
Crown Land administration and management – DPLH provides advice and assistance on policies, procedures and statutory requirements for the use and management of Crown land under the respective Crown land tenures.	DPLH undertakes assessment and processing of applications for structure plans, subdivisions, and strata title applications.	DPLH provides information and advice about the conservation and protection of the Territories' historic heritage.
Crown Land dealings and surveys – DPLH prepares documentation for execution under delegated authority and lodgement of tenure documents for registration to deliver tenures. DPLH also arranges the instructions for land surveys/deposited plans to support Crown land dispositions in accordance with decisions on the delivering tenure(s).	DPLH implements statutory processes, and advises the local government and the Territories communities regarding local planning schemes, scheme amendments and local planning strategies.	

For more information

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