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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development)

Planning (Territory Priority Project) Amendment Bill 2025

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Planning Act 2023*

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

1 **1 Name of Act**

2 This Act is the *Planning (Territory Priority Project) Amendment*
3 *Act 2025*.

4 **2 Commencement**

5 This Act commences on the day after its notification day.

6 *Note* The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on
7 the notification day (see [Legislation Act](#), s 75 (1)).

8 **3 Legislation amended**

9 This Act amends the *Planning Act 2023*.

10 **4 Meaning of *territory priority project***
11 **Section 216, definition of *territory priority project*, new**
12 **paragraphs (c) and (d)**

13 *insert*

14 (c) a development proposal related to a public health facility; or

15 (d) a development proposal related to public housing.

16 **5 New sections 217A and 217B**

17 *insert*

18 **217A Meaning of *related to a public health facility***

19 (1) For this Act, a development proposal is *related to a public health*
20 *facility* if the development to which the proposal relates—

21 (a) is proposed to be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Territory or
22 a territory entity; and

- 1 (b) may facilitate the construction, ongoing operation and
2 maintenance, repairs, refurbishment, relocation or replacement
3 of any of the following that are, or are intended to be, owned or
4 operated by the Territory or a territory entity:
- 5 (i) a health facility;
- 6 (ii) a hospital;
- 7 (iii) a mental health facility;
- 8 (iv) residential care accommodation that provides
9 accommodation for a facility mentioned in
10 subparagraphs (i) to (iii);
- 11 (v) supportive housing that provides accommodation for a
12 facility mentioned in subparagraphs (i) to (iii);
- 13 (vi) infrastructure required for the effective use or operation of
14 a facility mentioned in subparagraphs (i) to (v).

15 **Examples—subpar (vi)**

- 16 1 access roads, footpaths and bicycle lanes
- 17 2 electricity supply infrastructure including substations, overhead
18 lines and supports
- 19 3 entry and access points
- 20 4 parking facilities

21 (2) In this section:

22 ***health facility*** means a facility for providing health care services
23 (including diagnosis, preventative care or counselling) or medical or
24 surgical treatment to out-patients only.

25 ***hospital*** means a facility for the medical care (including diagnosis,
26 preventative care or counselling) of in-patients, whether or not
27 out-patients are also provided with care or treatment.

- 1 *mental health facility*—see the *Mental Health Act 2015*, dictionary.
- 2 *residential care accommodation* means a place where
3 accommodation and domestic services, including the provision of
4 meals or other personal care, are provided to people who need
5 support, whether or not management and preparation of the domestic
6 services happens at the place.
- 7 *retirement village*—see the *Retirement Villages Act 2012*, section 10.
- 8 *supportive housing*—
- 9 (a) means a place where residential accommodation is provided,
10 whether as self-contained dwellings or otherwise—
- 11 (i) for people who need support; and
- 12 (ii) which includes any of the following:
- 13 (A) counselling services;
- 14 (B) domestic services which may include meals,
15 personal care or domestic assistance, whether or not
16 management and preparation of the domestic
17 services happens at the place; but
- 18 (b) does not include—
- 19 (i) a retirement village; or
- 20 (ii) student accommodation.

21 **217B Meaning of *related to public housing***

- 22 (1) For this Act, a development proposal is *related to public housing* if
23 the development to which the proposal relates—
- 24 (a) is proposed to be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the housing
25 commissioner; and

1 (b) may facilitate the construction, ongoing operation and
2 maintenance, repairs, refurbishment or replacement of housing
3 on land—

4 (i) leased, controlled or held by the housing commissioner; or

5 (ii) used by an entity contracted by the housing commissioner
6 to provide public housing.

7 **Example—par (b) (i)**

8 land leased by the housing commissioner from a private landlord to provide
9 public housing

10 (2) In this section:

11 *housing*—see the *Housing Assistance Act 2007*, dictionary.

12 **6 Declaration of territory priority projects**
13 **Section 218 (1) (c), note**

14 *omit*

15 **7 Dictionary, note**

16 *insert*

- 17 • housing commissioner

18 **8 Dictionary, new definitions**

19 *insert*

20 *related to a public health facility*—see section 217A.

21 *related to public housing*—see section 217B.

Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 5 February 2025.

2 Notification

Notified under the [Legislation Act](#) on 2025.

3 Republications of amended laws

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