



## FUTURE PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED AGAINST AMENDED R-CODES

From today, all planning applications lodged with the Town of Port Hedland will be assessed against the new State Planning Policy 3.1 - Residential Design Codes (R-codes).

The new R-Codes will come into effect from 2 August and include a range of changes which will improve the planning application and approval process, and takes into account the new challenges facing the development and building industry.

Mayor Kelly Howlett said that after today, any building permits, planning and subdivision applications lodged with the Town prior to 2 August, but not determined by that date, are legislatively required to be assessed against the new R-codes.

“The new R-codes have been amended to reflect the growing demand from the community and building and development industry for more environmentally-friendly and sustainable residential developments,” she said.

“The Town encourages anyone intending to lodge an application, to familiarise themselves with the new policy, which can be found on the WA Planning Commission website at [www.planning.wa.gov.au](http://www.planning.wa.gov.au), and a Frequently Asked Questions document is available from the Town’s website at [www.porthedland.wa.gov.au](http://www.porthedland.wa.gov.au).”

The Town will also be reviewing related local planning policies in light of the amended R-codes to ensure consistency.

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