



POLICY TITLE:	LAND TITLE OFFER POLICY
POLICY NUMBER:	LC17
CATEGORY:	COUNCIL POLICY
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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND PERFORMANCE :Provide systems of council governance and service delivery that are financially sustainable, accountable, equitable and efficient	
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2. PURPOSE:

The following policy and procedures are to ensure that when considering the offer of land from government, council will have criteria to undertake a complete assessment.

3 SCOPE

To provide council with a clear understanding of the consequence and responsibilities when accepting land title.

3. POLICY

Council only accept the transfer of land that has been assessed by the procedures described in this policy and submitted by a Risk Management Committee as indicated in the Risk Management Strategy

4. POLICY REVIEW

This policy is to be revised at the first meeting after the next Local Government elections

5. REFERENCES:

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PROCEDURE

All land offered to the Council should have the following assessment undertaken prior to official receipt. Council should consider the Land Area, Zoning, Location, Community Benefit and Risk Management. An assessment form in relation to each parcel of land should be completed to provide an overall representation of the land offer.

Land Area

The NT Planning Scheme (clause 10.2 Part 4-42) states “a firebreak up to 10 metre wide along the boundary of a lot having an area greater than 8 hectares, unless otherwise specified by the Regional Fire Control Committee”.

Zoning

What is the zoning for the land, there are a number of zoning within the Council boundaries from RR (Rural Residential) to CN (Conservation)

The NT Planning Scheme states:

1. The primary purpose of zone CN is to conserve and protect the flora, fauna and character of natural areas
2. Development is to be sensitive to the natural features and habitats of the zone and be so sited and operated as to have minimal impact on the environment.

If the land is zoned CN is council:

- a) required to conserve and protect the flora, fauna and character of natural areas?
- b) required to fence areas to protect native flora and fauna?

Location

Apart from a few of the recreational reserves most of the land is located adjacent to rural living space.

Community Benefit

What type of community benefit will be received in accepting the offer?

Risk Management

What is the risk management associated with accepting the offer of land?

LAND ASSESSMENT FORM

Assessment		Comments
Land		
Size of land		
If in excess of 8 hectares	Yes/No	
If "Yes" is there a 10 metre firebreak	Yes/No	
Zoning		
What zoning applies to the land		
Location		
Adjacent to resident properties	Yes/No	
If "Yes" how many		
Adjacent to Pastoral property	Yes/No	
Adjacent to roads	Yes/No	
Adjacent to waterways/rivers/creeks	Yes/No	
Community Benefit		
Is the land suitable for community use	Yes/No	
If "Yes" what type		
If "No" what can the land be used for		
Risk Management		
What are the risk		