Flowchart: Non-Pastoral Use (NPU) application process – Pastoral Land Act 1992

Pre-lodgement Consultation
Applicants to contact Land Development Coordination (LDC) Branch for advice regarding process and to arrange meetings with departmental technical experts: PastoralAssessment.DENR@nt.gov.au or (08) 8999 4454

Pre-lodgement Screening
Applicant to submit draft application to LDC to confirm whether application contains all necessary information to enable assessment and is ready to be formally lodged.

Additional Info
Applicant may need to amend application and include additional information if incomplete.

Lodgement, Circulation & Assessment
Application is formally lodged with LDC and circulated to relevant government agencies and service authorities for comment. DENR may undertake site inspection.

Public Exhibition
Application advertised in newspaper and on NTG website for 4 weeks.

Notification
The Attorney-General, Land Councils and registered native title bodies corporate and native title claimants are notified and given 90 days to respond.

Technical Assessment
LDC prepares Technical Assessment Report (TAR) based on site inspection and comments received (all provided to applicant). Further assessment undertaken if additional info provided.

Natural Justice
Comments and TAR are provided to applicant. Applicant is encouraged to address any issues.

Pastoral Land Board (PLB)
LDC prepares report for PLB based on TAR and applicant submission, for consideration and application determination.

Natural Justice
PLB report is provided to applicant, who is invited to attend PLB meeting.

Determination
Application may be approved; altered and approved; deferred or refused. If approved, applicant and public commenters are notified of reasons for decision; and permit is issued.

Public Transparency
Permits are published online and permitted clearing areas are uploaded to NR Maps.

Process takes approximately 6 months from commencement of Public Exhibition period

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