



## **NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING CHANGES TO SUPPORT COVID-19 RESPONSE & RECOVERY**

In response to the current State of Emergency for the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and to assist with the recovery, the Minister for Planning has issued a notice to temporarily exempt the planning requirements prescribed in local planning schemes.

The exemptions, which also apply to the Shire of Moora's current Local Planning Scheme No.4, aim to remove any existing barriers within the planning system to ensure flexible and speedy responses to a changing crisis environment, support business and guarantee the provision of essential community services. They include:

- medical or health-related facilities required in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- truck and logistic companies needing to deliver goods but currently with restricted loading and unloading times;
- businesses seeking to adapt by changing their current approved use;
- restaurants and cafes required to sell takeaway in contravention of current planning conditions;
- people operating their businesses from residential zones;
- parking commercial vehicles on residential properties;
- a blanket two-year extension for all current development approvals;
- businesses needing to change advertising signs; and
- temporary workers accommodation.

A copy of the Notice of Exemption issued by the Minister for Planning and various explanatory information is available on the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage website:

[https://www.dplh.wa.gov.au/about/the-department/news,-events-and-public\\_engagement/news-and-events/2020/april/minister-issues-exemption-notice-for-local-plannin](https://www.dplh.wa.gov.au/about/the-department/news,-events-and-public_engagement/news-and-events/2020/april/minister-issues-exemption-notice-for-local-plannin)

Any owners or occupiers of land in the Shire who wish to take advantage of the exemptions now available should contact the Shire's Chief Executive Officer in the first instance to discuss how the exemptions apply, under what circumstances and the steps required to be followed.