

Planning Proposal for Residential Use at 39B Gaze Road, Settlement Christmas Island.

Submitted on 08/06/2026

Location

39B Gaze Road, Settlement, is currently zoned commercial.

This refurbished property is in the Barracks. Although zoned commercial, only four properties out of a total of ten in the precinct are currently used for commercial purposes.

Owner/applicant

Claire Popham

Intended Use

The applicant has carried out improvements and made the property available for commercial use for the past 14 years, but it has attracted tenants only for short periods at time. In the past five years, it has been occupied for only 22 months (less than two years).

Refurbishment of the property has been carried out to make it suitable for residential use.

This has resulted in a great number of enquiries, indicating a chronic shortage of accommodation on the Island. In the meantime, there is an oversupply of commercial premises, evidenced by numerous premises in the Barracks, Temple Court, Poon Saan and Kampong either vacant or under-utilised for storage. In its own submissions to Federal Government, the Shire argues that the lack of affordable housing is a key factor limiting economic sustainability of the Island.

In the past, Council has understood the realities facing owners in the Barracks, having already granted formal approval for residential use in one other property.

Parking

The property has on-site parking at the rear as well as legal street parking in front.

SCHEDULE 5 – APPLICATION FOR PLANNING APPROVAL

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2005 (WA) (CI) (AS AMENDED)

SHIRE OF CHRISTMAS ISLAND

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING APPROVAL

1. Surname of Applicant Popham Given Names Claire Pamela
 Full Address 13B Walter Road East, Bassendean
 Postcode 6054

2. Surname of Land Owner (if different from above)
 Given Names

3. Submitted by Claire Popham

4. Address for Correspondence 13B Walter Road East, Bassendean
 Telephone Number 042644814 Fax Number

5. Locality of Development 39B Gaze Road, Settlement 6054, 6798

6. Title Details of Land Lot 1049 2/SP42751

7. Name of Road Serving Property Gaze Road

8. Description of Development Class use 36

Nature and size of all buildings proposed
within building

Materials to be used on external surfaces of building
N/A

General treatment of open portions of the site
N/A

Details of car parking and landscaping proposals
Parking on lot and street legal parking

Approximate cost of proposed development
N/A

Estimated time for completion
N/A

[Signature] Signature of Owner
[Signature] Signature of Applicant or Agent

(Both signatures are required if applicant is not the owner)

9/6/26 Date
 Date

OFFICE USE ONLY			
Fees	total	\$ <u>147.00</u>	Account no.: 1065500
	paid	\$ <u>147.00</u>	Receipt number: <u>49597</u>
Planning application number	PA	<u>1</u>	Date paid: <u>9.6.26</u>
Date application received:			