## **NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA**

## **CONTROL OF ROADS ACT**

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#### **CONTROL OF ROADS ACT**

## An Act to provide for the Administration and Control of Roads

## Part I Preliminary

#### 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Control of Roads Act.

#### 2 Commencement

This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*.

#### 4 Repeal

The Acts of the State of South Australia in their application to the Northern Territory and the Ordinances specified in Schedule 1 are repealed.

#### 5 Interpretation

(1) In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears:

adjoining owner means an owner in fee simple of land, or a lessee of Crown lands, of land which is contiguous to, or affected by, land comprising a road, or a part of a road.

**attached**, in relation to the connection between a prime mover and a trailer, includes connected indirectly through another trailer.

**community government council** means a community government council within the meaning of the *Local Government Act*.

**municipality** means municipality within the meaning of the *Local Government Act*.

**pneumatic tyre** means a tyre consisting of a flexible elastic shell inflated with air, with or without an inner tube.

**rigid**, as applied to a vehicle, means that the longitudinal axis of the vehicle cannot deviate from a straight line in a horizontal direction.

#### road means:

- (a) all streets, roads, courts, alleys, thoroughfares and culs-de-sac which were, immediately before the date when this Act comes into operation, public streets, roads, courts, alleys, thoroughfares, or culs-de-sac within the meaning of any law then in force in the Northern Territory; and
- (c) land which, whether before or after the date when this Act comes into operation and whether within the limits of a mineral or gold field proclaimed under the *Mining Act*, or otherwise:
  - (i) is proclaimed, dedicated, resumed or otherwise established as a public street, road or thoroughfare;
  - (ii) is opened as a road or is declared to be a road by the Minister pursuant to this Act;
  - (iii) is reserved or left as a road in a subdivision of Crown land:
  - (iv) is conveyed or transferred to the Territory in fee simple and is accepted by the Territory as a road; or
  - (v) not being Crown land leased for purposes which include the construction of a road at the expense of the lessee, is used as a thoroughfare passing through or over Crown land whether alienated or otherwise.

**Surveyor-General** means the Surveyor-General appointed under the *Licensed Surveyors Act*.

## width means:

- (a) in relation to a vehicle, including an articulated vehicle:
  - (i) in the case of a vehicle to which a trailer is attached, the distance from one side of the vehicle, the trailer, a projecting part of the vehicle, the trailer or the load of the vehicle or trailer, to the other side of the vehicle, the trailer, a projecting part of the vehicle, the trailer or load of the vehicle or trailer, whichever is the greatest; and
  - (ii) in any other case, the distance from one side of the vehicle, a projecting part of the vehicle or its load, to the other side of the vehicle, a projecting part of the vehicle or its load, whichever is the greatest;

- (b) in relation to a tyre, the width of the surface of the tyre which ordinarily comes into contact with the surface of the road; and
- (c) in relation to tyres on a group of co-axial wheels on one side of the longitudinal centre line of a vehicle, the sum of the widths of the surfaces of those tyres which ordinarily come into contact with the surface of the road.
- (2) In Parts III and IV, **road** does not include a road which, under Division 4 of Part 6 of the *Local Government Act*, is under the care, control and management of a municipal council or a community government council.

#### Part II Administration

## 7 Roads, &c., vested in Territory

Subject to section 64 of the Planning Act and Division 4 of Part 6 of the *Local Government Act*, all roads in the Northern Territory, together with the timber growing on those roads and all bridges, culverts, water-tables, kerbs, gutters, footpaths, lamps, direction boards, kilometre posts, rails, posts, walls, chains, fences and other things erected on or affixed to those roads are the property of and vested in the Territory and are under the care, control and management of the Minister.

## 7B Delegation

- (1) The Minister may, by writing under his hand, delegate all or any of his powers under this Act, except this power of delegation.
- (2) A power so delegated may be exercised by the delegate in accordance with the instrument of delegation.
- (3) A delegation under this section is revocable at will and does not prevent the exercise of a power by the Minister.

## Part III General powers of Minister

## 8 Power to form, maintain, drain, &c., roads

(1) The Minister may form, pave, drain, level and repair roads and footpaths, alter the levels of roads and footpaths, erect or construct bridges, culverts, water-tables, kerbs, gutters, lamps, direction boards, kilometre posts, rails, posts, walls, chains and fences, erect or build, or cause to be erected or built, a house or other building, verandah, structure or road side facility on or at the side of a road and may drain water from roads into or through adjacent land.

(2) The owner in fee simple, or the lessee under a Crown Lease, of land into or through which water is drained from a road, may claim compensation from the Territory except where the drainage follows the natural fall of the ground.

## 9 Power to plant trees, &c.

- (1) The Minister may cause trees, shrubs, gardens or lawns to be planted at the side of a road and tree-guards, stakes or other supports to be erected.
- (2) The Territory shall not be liable for any damage to property which results from the planting of a tree, shrub, garden or lawn at the side of a road or from the existence of a tree or shrub growing in a road whether caused to be planted by the Minister or not.
- (3) The Minister may cause to be:
  - (a) pulled down or demolished a house, building, verandah, hedge, fence or structure or other obstruction erected, built or placed on a road;
  - (b) filled in a ditch, drain, gutter, sink or watercourse constructed; and
  - (c) cleared out and removed an obstruction in a ditch, drain, gutter, sink or watercourse at the side of a road, which had been placed there,

in contravention of this Act and may, in the name of the Territory, recover the cost of so doing from the person who contravened this Act, whether or not that person has been found guilty of an offence under this Act, as a debt due to the Territory by that person.

## 10 Trees, &c., obstructing or damaging roads

- (1) Where a tree or other thing growing on land adjacent to a road obstructs or damages that road, the Minister may, by notice in writing, served by post on the occupier of that land, require that occupier to remove the tree or other thing or a part of the tree or thing on or before such date as the Minister specifies in that notice.
- (2) Where a person fails to comply with a requirement made by the Minister under subsection (1), the Minister may cause the tree or other thing, or a part of the tree or thing, to be removed and may, in the name of the Territory, recover the cost of so doing from that person as a debt due to the Territory by that person.

## 11 Minister may close road temporarily for construction, &c.

The Minister may temporarily close a road or a part of a road whilst the road or a part of the road is under construction, alteration or repair:

- (a) by causing fences or barriers to be erected on or across the road or a part of the road; or
- (b) by causing:
  - (i) fences or barriers to be erected on or across the road or a part of the road; and
  - (ii) a notice to be published in the Gazette at least 7 days before the road is temporarily closed, prohibiting the passage of vehicles, horses and cattle over the road or the part of the road described in that notice.

## 11A Temporary closure of road where flooding, &c.

- (1) Where the Minister is satisfied that flooding, abnormally dry conditions or other exceptional circumstances may make a road subject to deterioration by the passage of vehicles, he may:
  - (a) close the road or part of the road;
  - (b) restrict the use of the road or part of the road to vehicles the mass of each of which does not exceed a specified mass;
  - (c) restrict the use of or part of the road to vehicles included in a specified class of vehicles; or
  - (d) impose such other restrictions on the use or manner of use of the road or part of the road as he thinks fit.
- (2) A closure of a road or part of a road under this section shall be effected by causing:
  - (a) fences or other barriers to be erected on or across the road or that part of the road; and
  - (b) a notice of the closure to be published as provided by subsection (5) as soon as reasonably practicable after the closure.

- (3) A decision of the Minister under subsection (1)(b), (c) or (d) shall be effected by causing:
  - (a) notice setting out the decision to be published as provided by subsection (5); and
  - (b) a sign to be displayed in a prominent place at the approaches to the road or part of the road to which the decision relates.
- (4) Where the Minister is satisfied that a road the subject of his decision under this section is no longer subject to deterioration by the passage of vehicles, he shall cause to be removed any fence or barrier or sign erected or displayed under this section and publish a notice of revocation of the decision as provided in subsection (5).
- (5) A notice for the purpose of this section shall be published in:
  - (a) the Gazette;
  - (b) a daily newspaper published in and circulating in the Northern Territory; and
  - (c) a broadcast within the vicinity of the closure by a radio or television broadcasting station.

# Minister may require fence, &c., to be erected to prevent drift sand, &c.

- (1) Where land adjoining a road is not enclosed to the satisfaction of the Minister, the Minister may, by notice in writing served by post on the occupier of that land, require the occupier, on or before a date mentioned in that notice, to enclose the land by a fence, wall or other structure, sufficient to prevent drift sand, soil or other material from being carried on to the road.
- (2) Where the occupier of the land fails or neglects to comply with a requirement made under subsection (1), the Minister may cause the fence, wall or other structure to be erected and the Minister may, in the name of the Territory, recover the cost of so doing from the occupier as a debt due to the Territory by that person.

## 13 Minister may license timber cutting, quarrying, &c., on a road

- (1) The Minister, in his absolute discretion and subject to such conditions as he sees fit, may grant a licence to a person, authorizing that person:
  - (a) to cut and remove timber and bark from a road;
  - (b) to quarry and remove stone, clay, gravel or sand from a road;

- (c) to erect, maintain and operate on a road a petrol pump, together with such tanks, apparatus, pipes and erections as are reasonably necessary for the operation of a pump for the supply of petrol for sale; or
- (d) to construct and maintain a cattle ramp on a road.
- (2) The Minister may, at any time, by notice in writing served by post on a person to whom a licence has been granted under subsection (1):
  - (a) require that person to do such acts or things as the Minister, in his absolute discretion, deems necessary or desirable; or
  - (b) cancel a licence, whether or not the licensee has observed all of the conditions under which the licence was granted.
- (3) Where a person fails to comply with the requirements of a notice served under subsection (2), the Minister may cause to be done the act or things required to be done and may, in the name of the Territory, recover the cost of so doing from that person as a debt due to the Territory by that person.

## 14 Power to construct temporary roads, &c.

A person acting with the authority, or under the orders, of the Minister may:

- (a) construct a temporary road over uncultivated land for use as a passage for vehicles whilst a road or a part of a road is being made or repaired; and
- (b) remove a tree or thing, growing on land adjacent to a road, which:
  - (i) obstructs, damages or is likely to obstruct or damage that road; or
  - (ii) obstructs or is likely to obstruct the vision of the driver of a vehicle approaching a bend or corner in the road,

and for any of these purposes or for the purpose of carrying out or giving effect to this Act, may, with or without workmen, horses, machinery and vehicles, enter in and upon land adjoining a road.

## Part IV Opening and closing of roads

#### 14A Definitions

In this Part, *proposal* means a proposed new road, the proposed alterations of a road or part of a road, or a road or part of a road proposed to be closed, delineated on a plan.

## 15 Power to close and open roads

Notwithstanding any law in force in the Northern Territory, but subject to this Act, the Minister may, whether by one proceeding or otherwise, from time to time:

- (a) open a new road;
- (b) alter a road or a part of a road;
- (c) close a road or a part of a road;
- (d) exchange land comprising a road or a part of a road for land required for a new road or for an alteration of a road;
- retain land comprising a road or a part of a road, which has been closed under this Act, for any purpose of the Territory or dedicate the land for any public purpose;
- (f) dispose of land comprising a road, or a part of a road, which has been closed under this Act, whether retained under paragraph (e) or otherwise; and
- (g) execute a transfer, conveyance, lease or other document to give effect to this Act.

#### 16 Agreement for exchange

(1) Where the Commonwealth or the Territory has acquired land or an estate or interest in land for the purpose of making or opening a new road or altering an existing road, the Minister may agree with the person from whom that land or that estate or interest in land was acquired that, in satisfaction in whole or in part of any compensation, the person shall receive the grant of a corresponding estate or interest in specified land of the Crown adjoining the parcel of land that contains the land which or the estate or interest in which was acquired.

(3) In this section, compensation means an amount of money ascertained in accordance with the Lands Acquisition Act or any other law in force in the Northern Territory to be the amount which a person is entitled to receive in respect of the acquisition by the Commonwealth or the Territory of land or an estate or interest in land.

## 17 Proceedings to open, alter, &c., roads

- (1) When it is proposed to open a road, or alter or close a road or part of a road, the Surveyor-General shall furnish to the Minister:
  - (a) a plan, certified by the Surveyor-General as an adequate representation, showing the approximate position of the proposal; and
  - (b) in relation to the plan, a statement showing the names of adjoining owners with the last known address of each of them.
- (2) After consideration of the plan, the proposal and statement referred to in subsection (1), the Minister may approve or amend the proposal and shall as soon as practicable thereafter deposit with the Surveyor-General the plan showing the proposal and amendments thereto, if any, endorsed with the approval of the Minister, together with the statement.

## 18 Duties of Surveyor-General

Where a plan is deposited with the Surveyor-General in accordance with section 17(2), he shall:

- (a) cause a notice to be inserted in the *Gazette* and in a newspaper circulating in the locality of the land to which the plan relates stating a general description of the proposal and setting out the names of adjoining owners; and
- (b) maintain a copy of the plan as approved by the Minister, and permit any person, during normal business hours, to inspect it.

#### 20 Person may object to proposal

Any person may, at any time within 28 days from and including the date of publication of the notice in the *Gazette* or the newspaper, whichever is the later, referred to in section 18(a), object to the proposal by serving a notice, stating the grounds for the objection, on the Minister either personally or by post.

## 21 Procedure where no objection received

If, at the date of expiry of the time limited by section 20, no person has objected to the proposal in accordance with that section, the Minister may, at any time within 6 months from and including that date, by notice in the *Gazette* and in a newspaper circulating in the locality of the proposal, order a new road to be opened or a road or part of a road to be altered or closed in accordance with the plan deposited with the Surveyor-General.

## 22 Procedure where objection received

- (1) If, at the expiry of the time limited by section 20, a person has objected to the proposal in accordance with that section, the Minister may consider the objection and the plan and the statement deposited under section 17, and shall determine whether or not the proposal shall proceed or an amendment to the proposal shall be made.
- (2) Within 6 months after the expiry of the time limited by section 20 the Minister shall:
  - (a) by notice in the *Gazette* and in a newspaper circulating in the locality of the land to which the plan and proposal relate, order a new road to be opened or a road or part of a road to be altered or closed in accordance with the plan deposited with the Surveyor-General under section 17(2); or
  - (b) deposit with the Surveyor-General:
    - (i) the plan showing the proposal and amendments thereto, if any, pursuant to subsection (1) endorsed with the approval of the Minister; and
    - (ii) in relation to the plan a statement showing the names of the adjoining owners with the last known address of each of them.

# 22A Certain provisions to apply where proposal amended after objection

- (1) Subject to this section, where a plan is deposited with the Surveyor-General under section 22(2)(b), sections 18 to 22 inclusive apply to and in relation to that plan and the proposal to which it relates as if the plan was a plan deposited under section 17(2).
- (2) Where a plan is deposited with the Surveyor-General under section 22(2)(b), the Surveyor-General shall cause a notice to be inserted in the *Gazette* and in a newspaper circulating in the locality

of the land to which the plan relates stating a general description of the proposal, that the proposal is an amended proposal and setting out the names of adjoining owners.

(3) Where the Minister is satisfied that an objection is the same or substantially the same as an objection already submitted under section 20 and considered under section 22, he may disregard the first-mentioned objection and proceed under this Act as if it had not been made.

#### 23 Effect of order

Upon the publication in the *Gazette* of an order made under section 21 or 22:

- (a) land to be taken for a new road or for an alteration to a road, or a part of a road, is, by virtue of this Act, vested in the Territory and is under the care, control and management of the Minister; and
- (b) the Minister may, subject to this Act:
  - pay or receive money agreed to be paid or received for the exchange or disposal of land affected by the order;
  - (ii) dispose of land comprising a road, or a part of a road, which is closed by the order; and
  - (iii) execute such documents as are required or are necessary to be executed.

#### 24 Land to be offered to adjoining owners

- (1) Where any land of the Crown comprises:
  - (a) a former road or part of a road that has been closed under this Act; or
  - (b) a road or part of a road that it is proposed to close under this Act.

the Minister may agree with a person who has an estate or interest in land adjoining the first-mentioned land that the person shall, after the road or part of a road has been so closed, be granted an estate or interest in the first-mentioned land of a like nature to his estate or interest in the adjoining land:

(c) for such amount as is specified in the agreement; or

- (d) if his estate or interest in the adjoining land is a lease granted by or on behalf of the Crown, on the resumption of such part of the adjoining land as is specified in the agreement.
- (2) Where each of 2 or more parcels of land adjoining land comprising a former road or part of a road that has been closed under this Act is held for an estate in fee simple or leasehold from the Crown and the parcels are not so held by the same person, the Minister may give notice to all the persons holding the parcels that he is prepared to dispose of the second-mentioned land.
- (3) Each notice shall be in writing and shall specify the estate in the land which the Minister is prepared to offer and the amount for which he is prepared to dispose of that estate.
- (4) Where notices have been given under subsection (2) and 2 or more of the persons notified inform the Minister in writing, within 28 days after the date on which the last of the notices was given, that they desire to acquire the land specified in the notices, the Minister shall invite each person who so informs him to tender for an estate in that land of like nature to the estate held by the person in his adjoining parcel of land.
- (5) If the Minister receives only one tender of an amount that is not less than the price specified in the notices he shall accept the tender and if he receives more than one such tender he shall accept the tender of the person tendering the highest amount.
- (6) If a tender under subsection (5) is accepted the tenderer is entitled to be granted an estate in the land in respect of which the tender is made of like nature to the estate held by the tenderer in his adjoining parcel of land.

## 25 In certain cases land may become Crown lands

If a road, or a part of a road, that is not on land in respect of which a council is the registered proprietor of an estate in fee simple is ordered to be closed and:

- (a) the Minister certifies that the land comprising that road or part of the road can be conveniently used, whether separate from other land or when added to other Crown lands; or
- (b) an adjoining owner does not, within one year from and including the date of the publication in the Gazette of the order, acquire, or enter into an agreement to acquire the land, or so much of the land as is not disposed of,

the land shall become Crown lands and be subject to the laws of the Northern Territory relating to Crown lands.

#### 26 Reservations

The Minister may, at any stage in a proceeding under this Act, direct that a certificate as to title to be issued, or a lease to be granted, pursuant to this Act shall be subject to such reservations as he directs.

## 27 Administrator or Minister empowered to amend existing lease

- (1) Where an agreement made under section 16, 24(1) or 24(5) by the acceptance of a tender entitles a person to be granted a leasehold estate, the estate shall be granted by amending the person's lease of the land adjoining the land to be granted so that the land comprising the former road or part of a road is included in the land that is subject to the lease, with such alteration of the reservations, covenants, conditions and provisions of the existing lease as are specified in the agreement.
- (2) The Minister is empowered to amend an existing lease to incorporate additional land in the lease and to do all other things necessary to give effect to subsection (1).
- (3) An amendment of an existing lease under this section shall be effected by lodging with the Registrar-General a memorandum describing the land incorporated and the alterations in the reservations, covenants, conditions and provisions specified in the agreement.
- (4) The Registrar-General shall register a memorandum lodged under subsection (3) and shall endorse upon the original lease in the Register of Crown Leases a note referring to the memorandum and stating that further land has been incorporated in the lease.

#### 28 Easements, &c., preserved

Where land subject to an easement, mortgage or other charge is included in land for which a certificate as to title is to be issued pursuant to section 27, the certificate as to title issued shall be subject to that easement, mortgage or other charge.

## 29 Registrar-General to correct Register books, &c.

- (1) Upon issuing of a certificate as to title or the granting of a lease, pursuant to this Act, the Registrar-General shall make such alterations and corrections as are necessary on any deposited plan and in the Register.
- (2) The Registrar-General may serve notice in writing, by registered post, on a person who holds a certificate as to title which is affected by the issue of a certificate as to title pursuant to this Act, requiring

that person to deliver the certificate as to title to the Registrar-General, within a time stated in that notice, in order that he may cancel, correct or alter it in the manner required.

(3) A person shall not fail to comply with the requirements of a notice given in accordance with subsection (2).

Penalty: \$400.

## 30 Prohibition of removal to the Supreme Court

An order purporting to be made under this Act shall not be removed or removable into the Supreme Court after section 29 has been complied with in respect of that order.

## 31 Compensation

If a road or a part of a road which is ordered to be opened, altered or added to runs through or over land, in the original grant or in the lease of Crown lands of which a power of making roads has not been reserved, a person, not being a party to an agreement for exchange, who has an estate or interest in the land or a part of the land taken, may, within 12 months from the date of the *Gazette* in which the order was published, serve a notice in writing on the Minister, claiming compensation for the land taken.

## 32 Closing of certain roads

- (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Minister may, on the recommendation of the Surveyor-General, by notice in the *Gazette* and in a newspaper circulating in the locality of that road, order that a road or a part of a road be closed if all the land contiguous to that road, or that part of a road, is land:
  - (a) occupied by or on behalf of the Territory or by an agent or instrumentality of the Territory; or
  - (b) belonging to the Territory or an agent or instrumentality of the Territory which has not been granted, sold, leased or contracted to be granted, sold or leased to any persons and is vacant land.
- (2) The date upon which a road, or a part of a road, is to be closed under this section shall be not less than one month after the date of the *Gazette* or the date of the newspaper, whichever is the later, in which the order is published.

- (3) From and including the date when a road or a part of a road is closed under this section, the land referred to in the order shall be Crown lands and shall be subject to the provisions of the laws of the Northern Territory relating to Crown lands.
- (4) The Registrar-General shall make such corrections on any deposited plan and in the Register Book or in the Register Book of Crown Leases as are necessary to give effect to an order made under this section.

## 33 Order may affect more than one road

An order made under this Act may affect more than one road, or part of a road, and may affect more than one act or proceeding with regard to a road or a part of a road.

#### 34 Duty to fence

Where land contiguous to a road is fenced and the boundary of that road is altered in consequence of an order made under this Act, other than an order made under section 32, the Minister, at the expense of the Territory, shall cause the road to be fenced so that the boundary of the contiguous land is fenced with a substantial fence of the same nature as the fence previously separating the road from that land.

## 35 Minister may declare private streets, &c., to be roads, &c.

- (1) Where a private street, road, court, alley, thoroughfare or cul-de-sac, situated within a town, has been made or paved at the cost of its owner, whether before or after the date when this Act comes into operation, the Minister may, on the written request of the owner, declare the street, road, court, alley, thorough-fare or cul-de-sac to be a road.
- (2) The Minister may, on behalf of the Territory, accept as a road land which is transferred or conveyed to the Territory in fee simple by the owner of the land.
- (3) When land is declared to be, or is accepted by the Territory as, a road, under this section, compensation is not payable to the owner by or on behalf of the Territory.

#### 36 Application of Land Title Act

The provisions of this Part apply, notwithstanding the provisions of the *Land Title Act*, the *Crown Lands Act* or any other law of the Northern Territory relating to Crown lands.

#### Part VI Miscellaneous

## 51 Metal projections, &c., on tyres

A person shall not drive or haul a vehicle on the formed or paved part of a road, if a part of a wheel or tyre of the vehicle, which comes into contact with the road, has a metal projection, bar, spike or stud on, or attached to it.

Penalty: \$400 or imprisonment for 6 months.

#### 52 Vehicles, &c., to have wheels fitted

- (1) A person shall not drive or haul or cause to be driven or hauled on or across a paved part of a road a vehicle or object unless:
  - (a) the vehicle or object is so supported on or by wheels as to prevent any part of the vehicle or object other than its wheels from coming into contact with the surface of the road;
  - (b) the wheels are equipped with rubber tyres; and
  - (c) any rubber tyre, not being a pneumatic tyre, which is fitted to a wheel of the vehicle or object is at least 30 millimetres thick at its thinnest part and has a surface of which the portion that ordinarily comes into contact with

the paved part of the road is at least 30 millimetres wide and is even across its full width.

Penalty: \$400 or imprisonment for 6 months.

- (2) It shall be a defence to a prosecution under this section if the defendant proves to the satisfaction of the Court hearing the case:
  - (a) that his failure to comply with the requirements of this section occurred immediately after:
    - (i) an accident in which the vehicle or object was damaged;
       or
    - (ii) a tyre, or a mechanical or structural part, of the vehicle or object ceased to function efficiently,

so that it was then not reasonably practicable for him to comply with those requirements; and

(b) that he thereupon took all reasonable steps to enable him to comply with those requirements as soon as possible.

## 53 Caterpillar type tractors

Notwithstanding section 52, a person may drive or haul a caterpillar type tractor or machine transversely across a road if the tracks of the tractor or machine are so constructed or protected that metal projections, bars, spikes or studs on or attached to those tracks do not come into contact with the surface of a road.

#### 54 Certain acts forbidden

A person shall not:

- retard the progress of a vehicle by means of an instrument or device which comes into contact with the surface of a road:
- (b) make or assist in making, or cause to be made a fire on or within 3 metres of a road;
- (c) suffer the effluent from a septic tank, dirty water, filth, dirt or other offensive matter, fluid or thing to run or flow on to a road from a house, land or premises occupied by that person;
- (d) leave a stone or other thing, having been used for blocking or stopping the wheels of a vehicle, to remain on a road or a part of a road after that vehicle has moved from the place where that stone or other thing was so used; or
- (e) except with lawful excuse, deposit sand, stone, rubbish or material of any description on a road or part of a road.

Penalty: \$400 or imprisonment for 6 months.

## Vehicles, &c., not to stop on bridges or culverts

A person shall not stop a vehicle on a road whilst the vehicle, a part of the vehicle or a trailer attached to the vehicle, is on a bridge or culvert, or causeway except in case of mechanical break-down, accident or other unavoidable cause.

Penalty: \$100.

## Vehicles, &c., to be removed from bridges and culverts

Where a person has stopped a vehicle on a road whilst the vehicle, a part of the vehicle or a trailer attached to the vehicle, is on a bridge or culvert, or causeway, he shall not fail to remove the vehicle, the part of the vehicle or the trailer attached to the vehicle, from that bridge or culvert or causeway as soon as is reasonably practicable.

Penalty: \$100.

## 57 Timber, &c., fixed to roads not to be damaged, &c.

A person shall not dig up, break, pull down, cut, destroy, injure or damage, or drive a vehicle on a road in such a manner as to destroy, injure or damage, timber growing on a road or a bridge, culvert, water-table, kerb, gutter, footpath, lamp, direction board, kilometre post, rail, post, wall, chain, fence or other thing erected on or affixed to a road.

Penalty: \$400 or imprisonment for 6 months.

## Person not to cut timber, quarry, erect petrol pumps or cattle ramps without licence

A person shall not:

- (a) cut or remove timber or bark from a road;
- (b) quarry or remove stone, clay, gravel, or sand from a road;
- (c) erect, maintain or operate a petrol pump on a road; or
- (d) construct or maintain a cattle ramp on a road,

unless he holds a licence, granted by the Minister under section 13, which is in force.

Penalty: \$100.

#### 59 Houses and other obstructions on roads

- (1) Subject to this section, a person shall not:
  - (a) erect or build, or cause to be erected or built, a house or other building, verandah, wall, fence or structure on or at the side of a road, or in such a place or in such a manner as to reduce the width of, or encroach upon, the road;
  - (b) make or cause to be made a drain, gutter, sink or watercourse, in or across a road or a part of a road;

- (c) fill up or obstruct a ditch, drain, gutter, sink or watercourse at the side of a road; or
- (d) obstruct the public use of a road or part of a road.

Penalty: \$100.

- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a person may do an act prohibited by that subsection where the act is done in accordance with the permission of the Minister given under this section.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, the Minister may, by notice in writing and on payment by a person of such fees and charges as the Minister determines, give permission to the person to do an act prohibited by subsection (1).
- (4) Permission given under this section may be subject to such conditions, including the giving of indemnities, as the Minister thinks fit and specifies in the notice.
- (5) The Minister may revoke a permission given under this section by notice in writing to the person to whom the permission was given, and the permission shall be revoked at the expiration of 6 months after the date the notice was given.
- (6) Where a permission is revoked under subsection (5), the person shall remove the house, building, verandah, wall, fence, structure or obstruction erected or built on or at the side of the road or remove or restore the drain, gutter, sink, watercourse made, filled up or obstructed in, across or at the side of the road, as the case may be, in accordance with the directions, if any, of the Minister.
- (7) If a person fails to comply with subsection (6), section 9(3) shall apply as if permission under this section had never been given and the house, building, verandah, fence, structure or obstruction was erected or built, or the ditch, drain, gutter, sink or watercourse was made, filled up or obstructed, as the case may be, in contravention of this Act.
- (8) Where a permission is revoked under this section, the person to whom the permission was given is not entitled to any compensation for any loss sustained in respect of or as a consequence of the revocation or for any costs incurred in respect of the removal or demolition of the house, building, verandah, wall, fence, structure or obstruction or the removal or restoration of the ditch, drain, gutter, sink or watercourse.

## 60 Road temporarily closed not to be used

A person shall not drive or cause or permit a vehicle, horse or beast on a road or a part of a road while that road or part of a road is temporarily closed in pursuance of section 11 or 11A.

Penalty: \$50.

## 60A Approval to drive aircushioned vehicle

A person shall not drive a hovercraft over a road without the written approval of the Minister.

Penalty: \$100.

## 61 Liability of owner and actual offender

- (1) Except as provided by this section, where a vehicle is driven on a road or part of a road in contravention of this Act, the owner and the driver of the vehicle at the time it was so driven shall each be guilty of the offence in respect of that contravention and liable on being found guilty to the penalty provided for the offence.
- (2) It is a defence to a prosecution against the owner of a vehicle for an offence referred to in subsection (1) if the owner of the vehicle satisfies the court that the vehicle was being driven at the time of the alleged offence without his express or implied authority.
- (3) In this section:
  - (a) **owner** has the same meaning as in the *Motor Vehicles Act*, and
  - (b) a document issued:
    - (i) by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles appointed under that Act: or
    - (ii) by an officer having duties in connection with the registration of motor vehicles in a State or in another Territory, bearing his written, stamped or printed signature and stating that during a specified period or on a specified date, a specified person was the person whose name was registered as the owner of a specified motor vehicle is evidence of the matters stated in the document without proof of the signature of the person by whom the document purports to have been issued or of the fact that he was the Registrar or the officer.

## 62 Regulations

The Administrator may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act prescribing all matters which by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.

## Schedule 1

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The Width of Tires Act of 1867 of the State of South Australia.

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Roads Ordinance 1934.

Roads Ordinance 1938.

Closing of Roads Ordinance 1918.

Bagot Road Board (Vesting of Roads) Ordinance 1935.

Military Roads Ordinance 1942.

#### **ENDNOTES**

#### 1 KEY

Key to abbreviations

amd = amended od = order
app = appendix om = omitted
bl = by-law pt = Part

ch = Chapter r = regulation/rule
cl = clause rem = remainder
div = Division renum = renumbered

exp = expires/expired rep = repealed
f = forms s = section
Gaz = Gazette sch = Schedule
hdg = heading sdiv = Subdivision

ins = inserted SL = Subordinate Legislation

It = long title sub = substituted

nc = not commenced

#### 2 LIST OF LEGISLATION

#### Control of Roads Ordinance 1953 (Act No. 8, 1953)

Assent date 1 July 1953

Commenced 1 April 1954 (*Gaz* No. 11, 17 March 1954)

## Control of Roads Ordinance 1955 (Act No. 9, 1955)

Assent date 8 June 1955

Commenced 15 October 1955 (*Gaz* No. 41, 12 October 1955)

#### Control of Roads Ordinance 1956 (Act No. 18, 1956)

Assent date 4 May 1956

Commenced 19 September 1956 (Gaz No. 37, 19 September 1956)

#### Control of Roads Ordinance 1958 (Act No. 21, 1958)

Assent date 14 November 1958

Commenced 13 February 1959 (*Gaz* No. 6, 11 February 1959)

#### Administrator's Council Ordinance 1959 (Act No. 22, 1959)

Assent date 7 July 1959

Commenced 28 April 1960 (*Gaz* No. 18, 27 April 1960)

#### Control of Roads Ordinance 1962 (Act No. 22, 1962)

Assent date 18 June 1962

Commenced 8 May 1963 (*Gaz* No. 19, 8 May 1963)

#### Control of Roads Ordinance (No. 3) 1962 (Act No. 8, 1963)

Assent date 23 January 1963 Commenced 23 January 1963

#### Control of Roads Ordinance (No. 2) 1962 (Act No. 40, 1963)

Assent date 27 May 1963

Commenced 11 December 1963 (*Gaz* No. 50, 11 December 1963)

Control of Roads Ordinance 1964 (Act No. 21, 1964)

Assent date 14 May 1964 Commenced 14 May 1964

Control of Roads Ordinance 1966 (Act No. 25, 1966)

Assent date 6 July 1966 Commenced 6 July 1966

Control of Roads Ordinance 1968 (Act No. 25, 1968)

Assent date 18 June 1968 Commenced 18 June 1968

Control of Roads Ordinance 1970 (Act No. 40, 1970)

Assent date 28 October 1970 Commenced 28 October 1970

Control of Roads Ordinance 1969 (Act No. 41, 1970)

Assent date 4 November 1970 Commenced 4 November 1970

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Control of Roads Ordinance 1971 (Act No. 42, 1971)

Assent date 27 September 1971

Commenced 27 October 1971 (*Gaz* No. 43, 27 October 1971)

Control of Roads Ordinance 1971 (Act No. 42, 1971)

Assent date 27 September 1971

Commenced 27 October 1971 (Gaz No. 43, 27 October 1971)

Ordinances Revision Ordinance 1973 (Act No. 87, 1973)

Assent date 11 December 1973

Commenced 11 December 1973 (s 12(2))

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Ordinances Revision Ordinance 1974 (Act No. 34, 1974)

Assent date 26 August 1974

Commenced 11 December 1973 (s 3(2))

**Amending Legislation** 

Ordinances Revision Ordinance (No. 2) 1974 (Act No. 69, 1974)

Assent date 24 October 1974

Commenced 11 December 1973 (s 3)

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Ordinances Revision Ordinance 1976 (Act No. 27, 1976)

Assent date 28 June 1976

Commenced ss 1, 2 and 6: 28 June 1976 (s 6(2));

ss 3 and 4: 11 December 1973; s 5: 24 October 1974

Control of Roads Ordinance 1974 (Act No. 38, 1974)

Assent date 23 September 1974 Commenced 23 September 1974

Control of Roads Ordinance 1975 (Act No. 20, 1975)

Assent date 30 July 1975 Commenced 30 July 1975

Ordinances Revision Ordinance 1976 (Act No. 27, 1976)

Assent date 28 June 1976

Commenced ss 1, 2 and 6: 28 June 1976 (s 6(2)):

ss 3 and 4: 11 December 1973; s 5: 24 October 1974

Transfer of Powers (Further Provisions) Ordinance 1977 (Act No. 51, 1977)

Assent date 9 December 1977 Commenced 1 January 1978 (s 8)

Transfer of Powers (Self-Government) Ordinance 1978 (Act No. 54, 1978)

Assent date 1 July 1978 Commenced 1 July 1978 (s 8)

Statute Law Revision Act 1978 (Act No. 95, 1978)

Assent date 5 September 1978 Commenced 5 September 1978

Control of Roads Act 1979 (Act No. 64, 1979)

Assent date 15 June 1979

Commenced 24 August 1979 (Gaz G34, 24 August 1979, p 9)

Control of Roads Amendment Act 1980 (Act No. 58, 1980)

Assent date 22 December 1980

Commenced 1 January 1981 (s 2, s 2 Crown Lands Amendment Act

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Statute Law Revision Act 1981 (Act No. 29, 1981)

Assent date 25 March 1981 Commenced 25 March 1981

Control of Roads Amendment Act 1981 (Act No. 46, 1981)

Assent date 29 June 1981 Commenced 29 June 1981

Statute Law Revision Act (No. 3) 1981 (Act No. 91, 1981)

Assent date 21 September 1981 Commenced 21 September 1981

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Assent date 2 October 1989 Commenced 2 October 1989

Real Property (Consequential Amendments) Act 1991 (Act No. 33, 1991)

Assent date 25 June 1991

Commenced 1 October 1991 (*Gaz* S49, 1 October 1991)

Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 1991 (Act No. 77, 1991)

Assent date 16 December 1991 Commenced 16 December 1991

Pastoral Land (Consequential Amendments) Act 1992 (Act No. 39, 1992)

Assent date 25 June 1992

Commenced 26 June 1992 (s 2, s 2 Pastoral Land Act 1992 (Act No. 17,

1992) and Gaz S33, 26 June 1992)

Control of Roads Amendment Act 1992 (Act No. 60, 1992)

Assent date 22 October 1992

Commenced 9 December 1992 (s 2, s 2 Local Government Amendment

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Local Government (Consequential Amendments) Act 1993 (Act No. 84, 1993)

Assent date 31 December 1993

Commenced 1 June 1994 (s 2, s 2 Local Government Act 1993 (Act

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Planning (Consequential Amendments) Act 1993 (Act No. 86, 1993)

Assent date 31 December 1993

Commenced 18 April 1994 (s 2, s 2 *Planning Act 1993* (Act No. 85, 1993)

and Gaz S28, 18 April 1984)

Control of Roads Amendment Act 1995 (Act No. 16, 1995)

Assent date 26 June 1995 Commenced 26 June 1995

Sentencing (Consequential Amendments) Act 1996 (Act No. 17, 1996)

Assent date 19 April 1996

Commenced 1 July 1996 (s 2, s 2 Sentencing Act 1995 (Act No. 39, 1995)

and Gaz S15, 13 June 1996)

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Land Title (Consequential Amendments) Act 2000 (Act No. 45, 2000)

Assent date 12 September 2000

Commenced 1 December 2000 (s 2, s 2 Land Title Act 2000 (Act No. 2,

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Statute Law Revision Act 2001 (Act No. 3, 2001)

Assent date 22 March 2001 Commenced 22 March 2001

#### 3 SAVINGS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

s 3 Control of Roads Ordinance 1964 (Act No. 21, 1964) s 6 Control of Roads Amendment Act 1982 (Act No. 68, 1982)

#### 4 GENERAL AMENDMENTS

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