

# NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

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No. 62 of 2000

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## AN ACT

to amend the *Public Trustee Act* consequential on the  
enactment of the *Wills Act 2000*

[Assented to 14 November 2000]

[Second reading 17 August 2000]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Public Trustee Amendment Act 2000*.

**2. Commencement**

This Act comes into operation on the day on which, but immediately after, the *Wills Act 2000* commences.

**3. Repeal**

Sections 88A, 88B and 88C of the *Public Trustee Act* are repealed.

**4. Transitional: wills deposited with Public Trustee**

(1) If, on the commencement of this Act, the Public Trustee is not a prescribed person within the meaning of the *Wills Act*, the wills deposited with the Public Trustee under section 88A of the *Public Trustee Act* as in force immediately before that commencement are —

- (a) to be given to a prescribed person within the meaning of the *Wills Act*; and
- (b) having been received by the prescribed person — to be taken to have been properly deposited with the prescribed person under section 50 of that Act.

(2) On the commencement of this Act, Part 6 of the *Wills Act* applies to a will referred to in subsection (1) and the will is to be dealt with as if it were a will that had been deposited with a prescribed person under that Part.

**5. Savings and transitional: register of deposited wills**

On the commencement of this Act, the index of wills deposited with the Public Trustee kept under section 88B of the *Public Trustee Act* as in force immediately before that commencement continues in existence, and is to be dealt with, as if it were the index of wills kept and maintained by a prescribed person within the meaning of the *Wills Act* under and in accordance with the Wills Regulations.

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