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HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMPLAINTS AMENDMENT  
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## AN ACT

to amend the *Health and Community Services Complaints Act*

[Assented to 8 November 2002]  
[Second reading 14 August 2002]

**The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:**

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Health and Community Services Complaints Amendment Act 2002*.

**2. Commencement**

This Act comes into operation on the commencement of the *Information Act 2002*.

**3. Principal Act**

The *Health and Community Services Complaints Act* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

**4. Interpretation**

Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the definition of "health service" in subsection (1) the following:

" 'Information Commissioner' means the Information Commissioner under the *Information Act*;"

**5. New section**

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 25 in Part 5, Division 1 the following:

**"25A. Referral of complaints from Information Commissioner**

"The Commissioner may deal with a complaint referred to the Commissioner by the Information Commissioner under section 108 of the *Information Act* as though the complaint had been made under this Act."

**6. Assessment**

Section 27 of the Principal Act is amended –

- (a) by inserting in subsection (3)(c) ", the Information Commissioner" after "the Ombudsman";
  - (b) by omitting from subsection (3) "the Ombudsman, person or body" and substituting "the Ombudsman, Information Commissioner, person or body";
  - (c) by inserting after subsection (4)(a) the following:
    - "(aa) the Information Commissioner;"
  - (d) by inserting in subsection (4) ", Information Commissioner" after "Ombudsman" (last reference); and
  - (e) by inserting in subsection (5) ", the Information Commissioner" after "Ombudsman".
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