

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA  
DISASTERS AMENDMENT ACT 2007

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Act No. 21 of 2007

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Act to amend the *Disasters Act*

[Assented to 29 October 2007]  
[Second reading 30 August 2007]

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

**1 Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Disasters Amendment Act 2007*.

**2 Act amended**

This Act amends the *Disasters Act*.

**3 Amendment of section 40 (Duties upon declaration of state of emergency)**

(1) Section 40(1)(a)(i), at the end

*insert*

or

(2) Section 40(1)(a) and (c)(i), at the end

*insert*

and

(3) Section 40(1)(c)(iii)

*omit*

area.

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*substitute*

area; and

- (4) After section 40(1)(c)

*insert*

(d) sections 37 and 38 apply as if the references in those sections to a state of disaster were references to a state of emergency.

- (5) Section 40(2) and (3)

*omit, substitute*

- (2) If a tropical cyclone watch or warning is issued for a part of the Territory by the Bureau of Meteorology, sections 37(1)(e)(iii) and 38 apply in relation to that part of the Territory while the watch or warning is current as if the watch or warning were a declaration of a state of emergency.

- (3) In this section:

***Bureau of Meteorology*** means the Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology established by the *Meteorology Act 1955* (Cth).

**4 Amendment of section 44 (Person exercising power, &c., not to be obstructed)**

Section 44, at the end

*insert*

Maximum penalty: 200 penalty units or imprisonment for 2 years.

**5 Amendment of section 45 (Offence and penalty)**

Section 45, penalty provision

*omit, substitute*

Maximum penalty: 500 penalty units.