



# NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

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No. 69 of 1994

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## AN ACT

to amend the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act*

[Assented to 15 December 1994]

**B**E it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia, with the assent as provided by the *Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978* of the Commonwealth, as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Amendment Act 1994*.

2. NEW SECTION

The *Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act* is amended by inserting after section 18 the following:

"18A. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION RELATING TO CERTAIN  
PARKS AND RESERVES

"(1) In this section -

'land', 'sea-bed' and 'subsoil' have the same meaning as in the *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act*;

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'park or reserve' means a park or reserve within the meaning of the *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act* or land declared under section 9(4) of that Act to be a park or reserve for the purposes of this section;

"(2) In respect of land comprising the whole or a part of a park or reserve, the Minister shall not grant -

- (a) subject to subsection (3), an access authority, special prospecting authority, permit or lease, unless the Minister has considered the opinions of the minister administering the *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act* in relation to the proposed grant; or
- (b) a licence, except in accordance with the conditions, if any, specified by the minister administering the *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act*.

"(3) The holder of an access authority or special prospecting authority or a permittee or lessee shall not carry out exploration, or any other activity, which may cause substantial disturbance to the land, sea-bed or subsoil comprising the whole or a part of a park or reserve unless he has advised the Minister, in writing, of his intention to carry out the exploration or activity and he carries it out in accordance with such directions, if any, as the Minister thinks fit, or which are required under subsection (4) to be given, to protect the environment in or in the vicinity of the park or reserve.

"(4) The minister administering the *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act* may require the Minister to give as directions under subsection (3) such directions in relation to the protection of the environment in the park or reserve as the minister thinks fit, and the Minister shall give those directions accordingly."

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