

# NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 75 of 1992

# AN ACT

## to amend the Legal Aid Act

[Assented to 14 December 1992]

**B**<sup>E</sup> 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 Legal Aid Amendment Act 1992.

#### 2. SECRECY

Section 55 of the Legal Aid Act is amended -

- (a) by omitting from subsection (1)(a) "an officer" and substituting "an officer or other person employed in the service of the Commission"; and
- (b) by inserting, after subsection (3), the following:
- "(3A) Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply to -
- (a) an investigation undertaken in respect of the commission of an offence against this Act or proceedings for an offence against this Act;

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- (b) a proceeding under Part VI of the Legal Practitioners Act, including a proceeding initiated by the Commission in respect of the professional conduct of a private legal practitioner whose services have been made available under this Act to legally assisted persons; or
- (c) proceedings brought by the Commission under section 29 or 32 to recover money payable to the Commission.".

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