

## NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 33 of 1988

# AN ACT

to amend the Justices Act

[Assented to 14 September 1988]

**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 Justices Amendment Act 1988.

#### 2. PRINCIPAL ACT

The Justices Act is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

#### SERVICE OF SUMMONS UNDER SECTION 57(2)

Section 27A(3)(a) of the Principal Act is amended by omitting "a traffic infringement within the meaning of section 36H(1) of the *Traffic Act*" and substituting "an offence in respect of which a traffic infringement notice, within the meaning of Part XIV of the Traffic Regulations, may be served".

#### UPON COMPLAINT SUMMONS TO ISSUE

Section 57(5) of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (a) and substituting the following:

"(a) an offence to which that subsection applies is an offence -

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- (i) against the *Traffic Act* or the Regulations made under that Act;
- (ii) against the *Motor Vehicles Act* or the Regulations made under that Act; or
- (iii) punishable by a fine only; and".
- 5. WRITTEN STATEMENTS MAY BE ADMITTED IN EVIDENCE

Section 105B(2) of the *Justices Act* is amended by omitting paragraph (b) and substituting the following:

- "(b) it contains -
  - (i) a statement that the person who made it has attained the age of 18 years; or
  - (ii) if the person has not attained that age, a statement of the person's age;".