



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 71 of 1986

AN ACT

to amend the *Water Supply and Sewerage Act*

[Assented to 19 December 1986]

BE 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 *Water Supply and Sewerage Amendment Act (No. 2) 1986*.

2. PRINCIPAL ACT

The *Water Supply and Sewerage Act* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

3. NEW SECTIONS

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 75 the following:

"75A. MINISTER MAY ENTER INTO AGENCY AGREEMENTS

"(1) The Minister may, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in a law in force in the Territory, enter into an agreement with the Northern Territory Electricity Commission established under the *Electricity Commission Act* for the Commission to act as agent to -

- (a) read meters for the purpose of determining charges payable for the supply of water;
 - (b) issue accounts for the charges payable in respect of a supply of water or a sewerage service in accordance with the *Water Supply and Sewerage Regulations*;
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- (c) receive, collect, and account for the charges referred to in paragraph (b);
- (d) purchase, store, or supply any stores, materials or equipment required for the purposes of this Act; or
- (e) provide such other service as may be mentioned in the agreement.

"(2) An agency agreement under subsection (1) shall have effect according to its tenor notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act or a regulation made under it.

"75B. AGENCY AGREEMENT RELATING TO DETERMINATION OF CHARGES

"Where an agency agreement is made under section 75A in respect of a matter referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) and an action is taken for the purposes of this Act by an inspector, authorized person or other employee that may affect the Northern Territory Electricity Commission's ability to determine the charges payable for a supply of water or a sewerage service, the Minister and the Director shall ensure that sufficient information relating to the action is given to the Commission to enable it to carry out properly its function.

"75C. INTERPRETATION OF REGULATION

"As at the commencement of an agency agreement made under section 75A in respect of a matter referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c), regulation 3D of the Water Supply and Sewerage Regulations (which relates to payment for water) shall be construed as if the reference to the Director were a reference to the Northern Territory Electricity Commission."
