



## NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

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No. 72 of 1985

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### AN ACT

To amend the *Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Act*

[Assented to 24 December 1985]

**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 *Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Amendment Act 1985*.

#### 2. PRINCIPAL ACT

The *Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Act* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

#### 3. NEW SECTIONS

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 7 the following:

##### "7A. TERM OF OFFICE OF MEMBER

"(1) Subject to this Act, a member of the Council holds office until the expiration of such period, not exceeding 3 years, as is specified in his instrument of appointment, but is eligible for re-appointment.

"(2) Where a period of appointment is not specified in the instrument of appointment of a member of the Council, the member holds office, subject to this Act, for 3 years.

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"7B. CONFIDENTIALITY

"A member of the Council shall not disclose information obtained in the course of his duties as a member unless that disclosure is made in the course of those duties.

Penalty: \$3,000 or imprisonment for 3 months."

4. TRANSITIONAL

A person who, immediately before the commencement of this Act, held the office of member of the Council appointed under section 7(4) of the Principal Act shall, on that commencement, be a member for the purposes of the Principal Act as amended by this Act and hold office for a period of 3 years as if he had been appointed under section 7A(1) of the Principal Act, as so amended, by the Minister on that commencement.

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