



## NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

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No. 55 of 1983

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### AN ACT

To amend the *Place Names Act*

[Assented to 8 November 1983]

**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 *Place Names Amendment Act 1983*.

2. PRINCIPAL ACT

The *Place Names Act* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

3. DEFINITIONS

Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended -

- (a) by omitting the definition of "available local member"; and
- (b) by omitting the definition of "public place" and substituting the following:

"'public place' includes -

- (a) a natural feature (whether or not covered by water);
- (b) a county, hundred, town, suburb or locality within a town or site for a town, a reserve within the meaning of section 7 of the *Social Welfare Act* or a street, road, locality or other place to which the public has access whether or not the street, road, locality or place is within a county, hundred, town or site for a town; or

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(c) a public cemetery within the meaning of the *Cemeteries Act*;"

4. REPEAL AND SUBSTITUTION

Section 5 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following substituted:

"5. PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE

"(1) For the purposes of this Act, there shall be a Place Names Committee for the Northern Territory.

"(2) The Committee shall consist of 4 members.

"(3) The Minister, in writing, may appoint -

(a) 2 persons to be members, and may appoint one of those persons to be the Chairman of the Committee; and

(b) one person to be a member from among 3 persons nominated by the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory.

"(4) The Surveyor-General shall be a member of the Committee."

5. REPEAL AND SUBSTITUTION

Section 7 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following substituted:

"7. TERM OF APPOINTMENT

"(1) Subject to sub-section (2), a member (other than the Surveyor-General) holds office for such period not exceeding 3 years, as is specified in the instrument appointing him, and is eligible for reappointment.

"(2) The appointment of a member (other than the Surveyor-General) may be terminated at any time by the Minister by notice in writing.

"(3) A member (other than the Surveyor-General) may resign his office by notice in writing to the Minister.

"7A. DEPUTIES OF MEMBERS

"(1) A member (other than the Chairman or the Surveyor-General) may by writing under his hand appoint a person to be his deputy for the purpose of attending a specified meeting of the Committee.

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"(2) A person appointed under sub-section (1) has, at the meeting in respect of which he is appointed, but not otherwise, all the powers and functions of the member of whom he is the deputy but shall not preside at the meeting.

"(3) An appointment under sub-section (1) is revocable by writing served on the deputy before the time fixed for the meeting in respect of which the deputy is appointed but if not so revoked prevents the member making the appointment from exercising his powers and performing his functions in person at the meeting."

6. COMMITTEE'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended -

- (a) by omitting from sub-section (1) "The Committee" and substituting "Subject to sub-section (1A), the Committee";
- (b) by inserting after sub-section (1) the following:

"(1A) The Committee shall seek the views of the appropriate council within the meaning of the *Local Government Act* in respect of any matter under this Act relating to the naming of or alteration of the name of a public place within a municipality in respect of which that council was appointed or elected."; and

- (c) by omitting from sub-section (2) "such report" and substituting "report under sub-section (1)".

7. MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by -

- (a) omitting from sub-section (1) "person who would be a member of the Committee for the purpose of the meeting" and substituting "member"; and
- (b) omitting sub-section (3).

8. POWERS OF MINISTER

Section 11 of the Principal Act is amended -

- (a) by inserting before sub-section (1) the following:

"(1A) The Minister may, in relation to the naming of or the alteration of the name of a public place, direct the Committee to consider certain names or recommend specific names, and the Committee shall make recommendations thereon in accordance with section 9.";

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- (b) by omitting from sub-section (1) "shall refer it to the Administrator, and the Administrator"; and
  - (c) by omitting from sub-section (2) "the Administrator" and substituting "the Minister".
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