



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 48 of 1983

AN ACT

To amend the *Contracts Act* and for other purposes

[Assented to 12 October 1983]

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 *Contracts Amendment Act 1983*.

2. PRINCIPAL ACT

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

3. DEFINITION

Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after -

- (a) "mortgage" the words "lease, licence"; and
- (b) "property" the words ", guarantee, indemnity or other agreement in relation to a loan".

4. CONTRACTS BY THE TERRITORY

Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended -

- (a) by omitting from sub-section (4) "sealed with the Public Seal." and substituting "executed by a minister and attested by another person who is not a party or signatory (except by way of attestation) to the contract."; and

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(b) by adding at the end the following:

"(6) Where a contrary intention appears in another law of the Territory, this section yields to the appearance of the contrary intention."

5. VALIDATION

Where, before the commencement of this Act, a contract which should have been sealed with the Public Seal has not been sealed but is executed by a minister, the contract is deemed to be validly sealed under the Principal Act as in force immediately before the commencement of this Act.
