



THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 35 of 1981

AN ACT

To amend the Oaths Act

[Assented to 30 March 1981]

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 Oaths Amendment Act 1981.

2. PRINCIPAL ACT

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

3. COMMENCEMENT

This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the Gazette.

4. FORM OF STATUTORY DECLARATION

Section 23C of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in subsection (1) after the words "Schedule and" the words ", subject to section 25B,".

5. NEW SECTION

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 25A the following section:

"25B. CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE COMMISSIONER MAY NOT ACT

"A Commissioner for Oaths or Commissioner for Affidavits shall not knowingly -

- (a) administer an oath;

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(b) take an affidavit; or

(c) witness the execution of a deed, instrument or other document,

in circumstances where any of those actions may confer, or have the effect of conferring, upon him or his employer any direct or indirect benefit by way of the abandonment of a legal right or interest to which the person making the oath or affidavit or executing the deed, instrument or other document, as the case may be, would otherwise be entitled."
