

# THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 5 of 1979

## AN ACT

To amend the Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Act

[Assented to 3 January 1979]

**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:

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| 1. This Act may be cited as the <u>Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Act 1978</u> .   | Short title                                    |
| 2. The <u>Soil Conservation and Land Utilization Act</u> is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.  | Principal Act                                  |
| 3. Sections 9B(1) and 11(3)(c) of the Principal Act are amended by omitting "landowner" and substituting "landholder".   | Formal amendment                               |
| 4.(1) Section 14(1) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after paragraph (a) the following paragraph:<br><br>"(aa) the surface of an area of land were disturbed;"   | Commissioner may issue Soil Conservation Order |
| (2) Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (2) and substituting:<br><br>"(1A) A Soil Conservation Order served under this section may prohibit absolutely, or prohibit except with and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a written authority given by the Commissioner -<br><br>(a) the damaging, destroying, removal or otherwise interfering with timber, scrub or other vegetable cover (whether living or dead) on or from an area of land specified in the order;<br><br>(b) the disturbing of the surface of an area of land specified in the order;<br><br>(c) the adoption in relation to an area of land specified in the order of a method or practice of land use specified in the order; or |  |

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(d) the increasing of the number of livestock carried on an area of land specified in the order beyond a number specified in the order.

"(1B) Subject to sub-section (2A), a Soil Conservation Order served under this section may direct the person on whom it is served to reduce the number of livestock carried on an area of land specified in the order below a number specified in the order.

"(2) Without limiting the generality of sub-section (1A), an authority given under that sub-section may require the person to whom the authority is given to fence an area of land specified in the authority in a manner approved by the Commissioner."

(3) Section 14(2B) of the Principal Act is amended by omitting "landowner" and "landowner's" and substituting "landholder" and "landholder's" respectively.