## THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 116 of 1978

## AN ACT

To amend the Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act

[Assented to 9 November 1978]

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. This Act may be cited as the Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act (No. 2) 1978.

Short title

2. The Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

Principal

- 3. Section 2 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted:
- "2. This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the Gazette.".

Commencement

- 4. The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 28 the following section:
- "28A. Before exercising any power in respect of a sacred site under section 26, 27 or 28, the Authority or the Administrator, Aboriginals as the case may be, shall take into account the wishes of Aboriginals relating to the extent to which the sacred site should be protected.".

Wishes of to be taken into account

The Principal Act is amended by omitting section 31(2).

Offences

- The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 31 the following section:
- "31A. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 31, Aboriginals shall have the right of access to sacred sites in accordance with Aboriginal tradition and entry pursuant to such access is not an offence under this Act.".

Aboriginals' right of access to sacred sites

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