

# THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

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No. 79 of 1979

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## AN ACT

To amend the Electricity Commission Act

[Assented to 13 July 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>Electricity Commission Act 1979</u> .                                                                                                                                                                           | Short title             |
| 2. The <u>Electricity Commission Act</u> is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.                                                                                                                                                          | Principal Act           |
| 3. Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended -                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Functions of Commission |
| (a) by omitting "and" from paragraph (g); and                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                         |
| (b) by adding after paragraph (h) the following paragraphs:                                                                                                                                                                                        |                         |
| "(j) to evaluate the present and future needs of the Northern Territory in respect of fuel, energy and power for the purpose of generating electricity;                                                                                            |                         |
| "(k) to investigate, research and evaluate the optimum utilization of fuel, energy and power for the purpose of generating electricity; and                                                                                                        |                         |
| "(m) to consult with the Commonwealth, or any State or any instrumentality, body, corporation or person on any matters relating to fuel, power or energy which is being used, or has the potential to be used, for the generation of electricity." |                         |

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4. Section 14(2) of the Principal Act is amended -

(a) by omitting "and" from paragraph (w); and

(b) by adding after paragraph (x) the following paragraphs:

"(y) to enter into contracts, agreements or partnerships with the Commonwealth or any State or instrumentality, body, corporation or person on any matter relating to fuel, power or energy which is being used, or has the potential to be used, for the generation of electricity;

"(z) to, either solely or jointly, apply for and hold, such licences or permits as are necessary for the investigation, prospecting, surveying, exploration and mining of any material capable of being used for the generation of electricity, and to engage in the activities for which those licences or permits are held;

"(za) to engage under contract such professional, technical or other assistance as the Commission considers necessary for the performance of its functions; and

"(zb) to obtain equity in any venture or any company engaged in a venture relating to the investigation, prospecting, surveying, exploration and mining of any material which is capable of being used, or has the potential to be used, for the generation of electricity."

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