

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 138 of 1979

AN ACT

To amend the Aboriginal Land Act

[Assented to 16 November 1979]

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 Land Act 1979.

Short title

2. The Aboriginal Land Act is, in this Act, referred to as the Principal Act.

Principal Act

3. Section 6(1) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after "by virtue of an Act" the words "or as a member of the personal staff of a Minister, the Leader of the Opposition or the Deputy Leader of the Opposition,".

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4. The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 6 the following section:

"6A. A permit issued under section 6 to a person who is required, in the normal performance of his duties, to reside on Aboriginal land shall, unless expressed to the contrary, be deemed to be a permit issued in respect of that person and his spouse and children who normally reside with him."

Permit to include immediate family

5. Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting "Subject to this Part".

Members of Parliament, &c., may enter, &c., Aboriginal land

6. Section 16(1) of the Principal Act is amended -

The Minister may issue permits to government employees on certain conditions

(a) by inserting after "by virtue of an Act" the words "or as a member of the personal staff of a Minister, the Leader of the Opposition or the Deputy Leader of the Opposition,"; and

(b) by omitting "Aboriginal land" and substituting "closed seas".

Aboriginal Land

7. Section 17 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting "Subject to this Part".

PART IV

8. The Principal Act is amended by omitting the heading to Part IV and substituting the following:

"PART IV - GENERAL" .

9. The Principal Act is amended by adding at the end the following sections:

Vehicles, &c.
may be stopped
and questions
asked

"22.(1) A member of the Police Force may require a person who is on or is about to enter Aboriginal land or closed seas (other than an open area declared under section 11) to -

- (a) produce to him a permit issued to the person under this Act; or
- (b) state his name and address,

and for that purpose may stop a person or any motor vehicle, as defined in the Motor Vehicles Act, power cycle, push-bike, vessel or animal in or on which a person is riding.

"(2) A person who is called upon to do so by a member of the Police Force shall stop and cause any motor vehicle, power cycle, push-bike, vessel or animal in his control to stop.

Penalty: \$1,000.

Offence to
refuse to
produce permit,
&c.

"23. A person required under section 22(1) to produce a permit or state his name and address who -

- (a) refuses or fails to produce a permit issued to him under this Act that is in his possession; or
- (b) refuses or fails to state his name and address, or states a false name or address,

is guilty of an offence.

Penalty: \$1,000."
