

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

No. 7 of 1980

AN ACT

To amend the Northern Territory Disasters Act

[Assented to 7 January 1980]

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 Northern Territory Disasters Act 1979. Citation
2. The Northern Territory Disasters Act is, in this Act, referred to as the Principal Act. Principal Act
3. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended - Definitions
 - (a) by omitting from paragraph (c) of the definition of "disaster" the word "or";
 - (b) by inserting after paragraph (d) of that definition the following paragraph:

"or

(da) an act or threatened act of violence or intimidation,"; and
 - (c) by omitting from the definition of "Territory Co-ordinator" the words "Police and Police Offences Ordinance" and substituting "Police Administration Act".
4. Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) and substituting the following: Application
 - "(a) actual combat against an enemy of Australia; or
 - (b) the putting down of a riot or civil disturbance,other than action reasonably necessary to oppose an act or threatened act of violence or intimidation, or

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(c) the prosecution or the bringing to an end of a strike or lock out."

Counter
Disaster
Council

5. Section 6(2) of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (a) "Permanent Head" and substituting "Departmental Head".

Functions of
Director

6. Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in paragraph (a) after "counter disaster plans for the Territory" the words "(other than counter disaster plans relating to acts or threatened acts of violence or intimidation)".

Declaration
of state of
disaster

7. Section 20(1) of the Principal Act is amended by omitting all words before and including "impending disaster is" and substituting "If at any time the Administrator believes, on reasonable grounds, that there is a disaster or impending disaster in, affecting or likely to affect the Territory, and that the extent or degree of that disaster or impending disaster is".

Duties upon
declaration
of a state
of disaster

8. Section 21(1) of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (a) and substituting the following paragraph:

"(a) the Territory Co-ordinator shall institute such counter disaster measures as are in accordance with the approved counter disaster plan or, where no relevant plan has been approved, as he thinks reasonably necessary in the circumstances;"
