

Serial 108
Pastoral Land
Amendment
Mr Palmer



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

A BILL for AN ACT

to amend the *Pastoral Land Act*

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. SHORT TITLE

This Act may be cited as the *Pastoral Land Amendment Act 1998*.

2. PRINCIPAL ACT

The *Pastoral Land Act* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

3. CONTINUATION OF TRIBUNAL

Section 93 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (2)(a) and (ab) and substituting the following:

"(a) a person who —

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- (i) has been enrolled as a legal practitioner of the High Court or of the Supreme Court of a State or Territory of the Commonwealth for not less than 10 years; and
- (ii) is a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory or a magistrate or is practising as a legal practitioner in the Territory,

and who is appointed by the Administrator to be the Chairman of the Tribunal;

- (ab) one other person who has the qualifications required under paragraph (a)(i) and (ii) and who is appointed by the Administrator to be the Deputy Chairman of the Tribunal; and".

4. VALIDATION

(1) In this section, "Tribunal" means the Tribunal as defined in section 92(1) of the Principal Act.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt, a decision or action during the period commencing on 9 March 1998 until the commencement of this Act taken by or on behalf of the Tribunal in the purported exercise of its powers or the performance of its functions, and the consequences of the decision or action, is declared to be, and always to have been, as valid and effectual as if the person purporting to hold the office of Deputy Chairman of the Tribunal during that period was validly holding the office.
