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[Assented to 2002]
[Second reading 2002]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Ombudsman (Northern Territory) Amendment Act 2002*.

2. Commencement

This Act comes into operation on the commencement of the *Information Act 2002*.

3. Principal Act

The *Ombudsman (Northern Territory) Act* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

4. Interpretation

Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after the definition of "Executive Council" in subsection (1) the following:

" 'Information Commissioner' means the Information Commissioner under the *Information Act*;"

5. New section

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 14A the following:

"14B. Referral of complaints from Information Commissioner

"The Ombudsman may deal with a complaint referred to the Ombudsman by the Information Commissioner under section 109 of the *Information Act* as though the complaint had been made under this Act."

6. New section

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 17A the following:

"17B. Referral of complaints to Information Commissioner

"(1) If a complaint is about a matter that could be the subject of a complaint under section 105 of the *Information Act*, the Ombudsman may refer the complaint to the Information Commissioner.

"(2) The Ombudsman must give written notice of the referral to –

- (a) the person or body that made the complaint; and
- (b) if the Ombudsman has notified the department or authority the subject of the complaint in accordance with section 19(1) – the department or authority."