



## NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

### A BILL for AN ACT

to amend the *Community Welfare 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 *Community Welfare Amendment Act 1995*.

2. COMMENCEMENT

This Act shall come into operation on the commencement of the *Criminal Code Amendment Act (No. 2) 1995*.

3. INTERPRETATION

Section 4(3) the *Community Welfare Act* is amended -

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (c) "impairment; or" and substituting "impairment;"
- (b) by omitting from paragraph (d) "exploitation." and substituting "exploitation; or"; and

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(c) by adding at the end the following:

"(e) being a female, she -

- (i) has been subjected, or there is substantial risk that she will be subjected, to female genital mutilation, as defined in section 186A of the Criminal Code; or
  - (ii) she has been taken, or there is a substantial risk that she will be taken, from the Territory with the intention of having female genital mutilation performed on her."
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