

Serial 115
Disasters Amendment Bill 2007
Ms Martin

**A BILL
for
AN ACT**

to amend the *Disasters Act*



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Act No. [] of 2007

AN ACT

to amend the *Disasters Act*

[Assented to [] 2007]
[Second reading [] 2007]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Disasters Amendment Act 2007*.

2. Act amended

This Act amends the *Disasters Act*.

3. Amendment of section 40 (Duties upon declaration of state of emergency)

(1) Section 40(1)(a)(i), at the end

insert

or

(2) Section 40(1)(a) and (c)(i), at the end

insert

and

- (3) Section 40(1)(c)(iii)

omit

area.

substitute

area; and

- (4) After section 40(1)(c)

insert

- (d) sections 37 and 38 apply as if the references in those sections to a state of disaster were references to a state of emergency.

- (5) Section 40(2) and (3)

omit, substitute

(2) If a tropical cyclone watch or warning is issued for a part of the Territory by the Bureau of Meteorology, sections 37(1)(e)(iii) and 38 apply in relation to that part of the Territory while the watch or warning is current as if the watch or warning were a declaration of a state of emergency.

- (3) In this section:

"Bureau of Meteorology" means the Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology established by the *Meteorology Act 1955* (Cth).

4. Amendment of section 44 (Person exercising power, &c., not to be obstructed)

Section 44, at the end

insert

Maximum penalty: 200 penalty units or imprisonment for 2 years.

5. Amendment of section 45 (Offence and penalty)

Section 45, penalty provision

omit, substitute

Maximum penalty: 500 penalty units.