

Serial 16
Electoral Amendment Bill 2005
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**A BILL
for
AN ACT**

to amend the *Electoral Act*



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Act No. [] of 2005

AN ACT

to amend the *Electoral Act*

[Assented to [] 2005]
[Second reading [] 2005]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Electoral Amendment Act 2005*.

2. Principal Act amended

This Act amends the *Electoral Act*.

3. New Part 13, Division 1, Subdivision 7

After section 295 –

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Subdivision 7 – Other offences

295A. Damaging etc. electoral material

- (1) A person must not without lawful authority –
 - (a) destroy or damage any electoral material; or

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- (b) for electoral material that is lawfully fixed to a place or object or lawfully left at a place – remove or move the material from the place or object.

Penalty: 50 penalty units or imprisonment for 3 months.

Examples for subsection (1) –

1. *Defacing an election poster.*
2. *Moving an election poster from the place to which it is fixed.*
3. *Removing an election pamphlet from a letterbox.*

(2) In this section –

"damage", for electoral material, includes deface, vandalise, tamper with and otherwise interfere with the material;

"electoral material" means an electoral advertisement, notice, handbill or pamphlet.
