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Care and Protection of Children Amendment (Charter of Rights) Bill 2013
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A Bill for an Act to amend the *Care and Protection of Children Act*

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

**CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AMENDMENT (CHARTER
OF RIGHTS) ACT 2013**

Act No. [] of 2013

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An Act to amend the *Care and Protection of Children Act*

[Assented to [] 2013]
[Second reading [] 2013]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Care and Protection of Children Amendment (Charter of Rights) Act 2013*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day fixed by the Administrator by *Gazette* notice.

3 Act amended

This Act amends the *Care and Protection of Children Act*.

4 Part 2.2, Division 1A inserted

After section 68

insert

Division 1A Charter of Rights for Children in CEO's care

68A Charter of Rights

- (1) The CEO must prepare a Charter of Rights for children who are in the CEO's care.

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- (2) The CEO must promote compliance with the Charter of Rights.
 - (3) The CEO must review the Charter of Rights from time to time and may amend it as the CEO considers appropriate.
 - (4) The CEO must ensure that the Charter of Rights, as amended from time to time, is made available to the public in the manner the CEO considers appropriate.
 - (5) The CEO must ensure that the Charter of Rights includes:
 - (a) an explanation of the Charter of Rights and its effect; and
 - (b) information about the Commissioner and other entities known to the CEO that may be able to help children who consider the Charter of Rights is not being complied with.
 - (6) The CEO must give a copy of the Charter of Rights to each child who is in the CEO's care:
 - (a) as soon as practicable after the child comes into the CEO's care; and
 - (b) as soon as practicable after any amendment is made to the Charter of Rights.
 - (7) However, the CEO need not give a copy of the Charter of Rights and explanatory statement to a child under subsection (6) if the CEO considers that it is not appropriate to do so having regard to the child's maturity and understanding.

5 Expiry of Act

This Act expires on the day after it commences.