



Serial 26  
Environmental  
Assessment  
Amendment  
Mr Coulter

## NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

# A BILL for AN ACT

to amend the *Environmental Assessment Act*

**B**E 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 *Environmental Assessment Amendment Act 1994*.

### 2. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Section 7(2) of the *Environmental Assessment Act* is amended -

- (a) by omitting, from paragraph (a), "an environmental impact statement" and substituting "assessment of the effect of a proposed action on the environment";
- (b) by omitting, from paragraph (b), "an environmental impact statement" and substituting "a public environmental report or an environmental impact statement";
- (c) by omitting, from paragraph (c), "an environmental impact statement" and substituting "a public environmental report or an environmental impact statement";
- (d) by omitting, from paragraph (d), "making of an environmental impact statement available" and substituting "making available of a public environmental report or an environmental impact statement";

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- (e) by omitting, from paragraph (f), "an environmental impact statement" and substituting "a public environmental report or an environmental impact statement";
- (f) by omitting, from paragraph (g) -
  - (i) "the examination of an environmental impact statement" and substituting "the examination of information supplied in accordance with those procedures";
  - (ii) "the matters to which an environmental impact statement relates" and substituting "the matters to which the information relates"; and
  - (iii) "; and" and substituting ";;
- (g) by inserting, after paragraph (g), the following:
  - "(ga) the making available of comments, suggestions and recommendations, in cases or circumstances specified by or in accordance with those procedures, to the public;";
  - (h) by omitting, from paragraph (h), "procedures." and substituting "procedures;"; and
  - (j) by adding, at the end, the following:
    - "(j) the establishing and maintaining by or on behalf of the Minister of a record in respect of each proposed action in respect of which a public environmental report or an environmental impact statement is prepared and submitted for examination and the making available of the record for public inspection; and
    - (k) the review of the effectiveness of an assessment of a proposed action under those procedures."

3. DELEGATION

Section 11(1) of the *Environmental Assessment Act* is amended by omitting "person" and substituting "person, or the holder from time to time of a particular designation or office,".

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