



Serial 274
Oaths Amendment
Mr Manzie

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

A BILL for AN ACT

to amend the *Oaths 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 *Oaths Amendment Act 1993*.

2. PRINCIPAL ACT

The *Oaths Act* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

3. REPEAL

Section 21 of the Principal Act is repealed.

4. MANNER OF TAKING OATH

Section 22 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from subsection (1) "(except in the case of an oath taken by a witness in a criminal trial before the Supreme Court)".

5. STATUTORY DECLARATIONS

Section 23A of the Principal Act is amended -

- (a) by omitting from subsection (1) "if he so desires" and substituting "if the person so desires";
- (b) by omitting from subsection (2)(a) "other than a Commonwealth Act or regulations thereunder"; and

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(c) by omitting subsection (2)(c) and substituting the following:

"(c) in connection with the administration of an Agency, within the meaning of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act*; or".

6. REPEAL

Section 23B of the Principal Act is repealed.

7. OATHS MAY BE TAKEN IN OTHER FORMS

Section 24 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting "(except an Act of the Commonwealth or regulations thereunder)".

8. REPEAL AND SUBSTITUTION

Schedules 4 and 5 to the Principal Act are repealed and the following substituted:

"SCHEDULE 5

Section 22

FORM OF OATH

'The evidence you are now about to give shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth'

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