



Serial No. 171
Legal Aid
Amendment
Mr Manzie

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

A BILL for AN ACT

to amend the *Legal Aid 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 *Legal Aid Amendment Act 1992*.

2. SECRECY

Section 55 of the *Legal Aid Act* is amended -

- (a) by omitting from subsection (1)(a) "an officer" and substituting "an officer or other person employed in the service of the Commission"; and
- (b) by inserting, after subsection (3), the following:

"(3A) Subsections (2) and (3) do not apply to -

- (a) an investigation undertaken in respect of the commission of an offence against this Act or proceedings for an offence against this Act;
- (b) a proceeding under Part VI of the *Legal Practitioners Act*, including a proceeding initiated by the Commission in respect of the professional conduct of a private legal practitioner whose services have been made available under this Act to legally assisted persons; or
- (c) proceedings brought by the Commission under section 29 or 32 to recover money payable to the Commission."

