



NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

A BILL for AN ACT

to amend the *Local Government 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 *Local Government Amendment Act 1992*.

2. COMMENCEMENT

This Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 July 1986.

3. DEFINITIONS

Section 110 of the *Local Government Act* is amended by inserting, after the definition of "local rate", the following:

"'residential unit' means a dwelling house, flat or other substantially self contained residential unit, but does not include a unit within the meaning of the *Unit Titles Act*;"

4. DECLARATION OF RATES

Section 111 of the *Local Government Act* is amended by inserting, after subsection (1), the following:

"(1A) A minimum amount declared payable under subsection (1)(b) in the application of a uniform rate or a differential rate may be calculated by reference to the number of residential units on each parcel of land, but as between parcels of land containing the same number of residential units the minimum amount shall be the same.

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"(1B) Notwithstanding that a council has declared under subsection (1)(b) that general rates will be raised by the application of a flat rate per parcel, the council may, subject to subsection (1C), declare a different amount in respect of parcels of land containing more than one residential unit and, where a council does so, the amount shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be the flat rate per parcel in respect of those parcels of land.

"(1C) A council shall not declare under subsection (1B) a different amount as between parcels of land containing the same number of residential units."
