



Serial 154
Mining Amendment
(No. 2)
Mr Coulter

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

A BILL for AN ACT

to amend the *Mining 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 *Mining Amendment Act (No. 2) 1992*.

2. OCCUPATION OF LAND PENDING DETERMINATION OF APPLICATION

Section 56(2) of the *Mining Act* is amended -

- (a) by omitting from paragraph (a) "or" (second occurring);
- (b) by omitting from paragraph (b) "exploration retention licence," and substituting "exploration retention licence; or";
- (c) by inserting after paragraph (b) the following:
"(c) is occupied in accordance with an authorization under section 178(2)," ; and
- (d) by omitting ", or exploration retention licence, as the case may be," and substituting ", exploration retention licence, or authorization under section 178(2)".

3. GRANT OF LEASE

Section 60 of the *Mining Act* is amended by inserting after subsection (2B) the following:

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"(2C) The granting of a mineral lease over land reserved under section 178(1) from occupation cancels the reservation under that section of so much of the land as is comprised in the mineral lease."

4. RESERVATION OF LAND FROM RESERVATION

Section 178 of the *Mining Act* is amended -

(a) by omitting from subsection (1A) "An application" and substituting "Subject to subsection (1B), an application"; and

(b) by inserting after subsection (1A) the following:

"(1B) Nothing in subsection (1A) prevents a person or statutory corporation authorized under subsection (2) to occupy land reserved under subsection (1) from applying for a mineral lease over land he or it is so authorized to occupy."
