



Serial 66
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 1991*.

2. COMMENCEMENT

This Act shall come into operation on the commencement of the *Justices of the Peace Act 1991*.

3. AMENDMENT OF *OATHS ACT*

(1) The *Oaths Act* is amended -

(a) by adding at the end of section 5 the following:

"(2) The affirmation of allegiance shall be in accordance with the form in Schedule 2A.";

(b) by adding at the end of section 9 the following:

"(2) A person making an affirmation before a Court shall be addressed by an officer in accordance with the form in Schedule 7 and shall thereupon speak the words 'I do' or otherwise signify his or her assent."; and

(c) by inserting after Schedule 2 the following:

"SCHEDULE 2A

Section 5(2)

AFFIRMATION OF ALLEGIANCE

I, do solemnly, sincerely and truly affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to our Sovereign Lady the Queen according to law, so help me God!".

(2) The *Oaths Act* is further amended as provided for in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Section 2(2)

Provision	Amendment	
	omit	substitute
Section 2	the whole section	
Section 4 - definition of "affidavit"	"statutory or other"	
Sections 6 and 7	the whole sections	
Section 8	"of allegiance or judicial oath"	
Section 9	"under this Part"	
Section 10	"under this Part"	
Section 16(1)	"sworn under this Part"	
	"an indictable offence"	"a crime"
Section 17(1)(d)	the whole paragraph	
Section 17(2)	", by notice in the <i>Gazette</i> ,"	
Section 17(3)	"by notice in the <i>Gazette</i> ,"	

Provision	Amendment	
	omit	substitute
Section 25	the whole section	
Section 26	"an indictable offence"	"a crime"
Schedules 1 and 3	the whole Schedules	

