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A Bill for an Act to amend the *Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*



# NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

## PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AMENDMENT (EMERGENCY REPORTING) ACT 2022

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An Act to amend the *Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*

[Assented to [ ] 2022]  
[Introduced [ ] 2022]

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory enacts as follows:

## 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Public and Environmental Health Amendment (Emergency Reporting) Act 2022*.

## 2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day after the day on which the Administrator's assent to this Act is declared.

## 3 Act amended

This Act amends the *Public and Environmental Health Act 2011*.

## 4 Section 55 amended (Report on public health emergency)

(1) Before section 55(1)

*insert*

(1AA) The CHO must make a report under this section in relation to a public health emergency declared by an emergency declaration:

(a) after any extension of the emergency declaration under section 51(2); and

(b) after the emergency declaration ceases to be in force.

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- (2) Section 55(1)  
*omit*  
all words from "After" to "detailing"  
*insert*  
A report given to the Minister under this section must detail
- (3) Section 55(1)(a)  
*omit, insert*
- (a) the events giving rise to:
- (i) if the report is made under subsection (1AA)(a) – the extension of the declaration; or
  - (ii) if the report is made under subsection (1AA)(b) – the cessation of the declaration;
- (4) Section 55(1)(d)  
*omit*  
emergency.  
*insert*  
emergency;
- (5) After section 55(1)(d)  
*insert*
- (e) any advice given to the Minister by the CHO in relation to the emergency.
- (6) Section 55(2)  
*omit, insert*
- (2) The CHO must:
- (a) give a report mentioned in subsection (1AA)(a) to the Minister within 1 month after the date the declaration is extended under section 50(2); and
  - (b) give a report mentioned in subsection (1AA)(b) to the Minister within 3 months after the declaration ceases to be in force.

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(7) Section 55(3)  
*omit*  
the report  
*insert*  
a report given under this section

(8) Section 55(3)  
*omit*  
within 6 sittings days  
*insert*  
on the first sitting day

**5 Part 11, Division 5 inserted**

After section 141

*insert*

**Division 5 Transitional matters for Public Health Amendment  
(Emergency Reporting) Act 2022**

**142 Definitions**

In this Division:

***amending Act*** means the *Public Health Amendment (Emergency Reporting) Act 2022*.

***commencement*** means the day on which section 4 of the amending Act commences.

***existing public health emergency*** means a public health emergency declared by an emergency declaration before the commencement that is in force on the commencement.

**143 Reporting on existing public health emergency**

- (1) On and from the commencement, section 55, as amended by the amending Act, applies in relation to an existing public health emergency.

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- (2) The CHO must make a report in relation to an existing public health emergency detailing:
    - (a) the events giving rise to any extension of the declaration that was made before the commencement; and
    - (b) the information mentioned in section 55(1)(b) to (e), as in force after the commencement.
  - (3) The CHO must give the report to the Minister within 3 months after the commencement.
  - (4) The Minister must table a copy of the report in the Legislative Assembly on the first sitting day after the Minister receives the report.

## **6 Repeal of Act**

This Act is repealed on the day after it commences.