

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Presented and read a first time, 18 March 1987

(*Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment*)

A BILL

FOR

An Act to amend the *Lands Acquisition Act 1955*

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen, and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:

Short title etc.

5 **1** (1) This Act may be cited as the *Lands Acquisition Amendment Act 1987*.

(2) The *Lands Acquisition Act 1955*¹ is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

Commencement

10 **2.** This Act shall come into operation on the commencement of the *National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1987*.

Interpretation

3. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended:

(a) by inserting after the definition of "claimant" in subsection (1) the following definition:

15 " 'conservation zone' means a conservation zone declared under section 8A of the *National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1975*;"

- (b) by inserting after the definition of "Crown land" in subsection (1) the following definitions:

"'Gimbat', or 'Goodparla', means, in each case, the area described by that name (being an area of land that is or was subject to a pastoral lease) on the map referred to in the definition of 'Alligator Rivers Region' in section 3 of the *Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act 1978*;"

- (c) by inserting after the definition of "lease" in subsection (1) the following definition:

"'mineral' means a naturally occurring substance or mixture of substances;" and

- (d) by inserting after the definition of "mortgagor" in subsection (1) the following definition:

"'Northern Territory pastoral lease area' means the area delineated by the outer boundaries of the aggregate area comprising Gimbat and Goodparla;"

Mining leases and licences

4. Section 51 of the Principal Act is amended:

- (a) by omitting from subsection (1) "metals or"; and

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

"(1A) The Governor-General may authorise the grant by the Commonwealth of a lease or licence to a person to mine for minerals on land that:

- (a) is in a conservation zone within the Northern Territory pastoral lease area; and

- (b) has, by a grant under section 12 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, become vested in an Aboriginal Land Trust, whether before or after the commencement of this subsection."

Disposal of land

5. Section 53 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (2) the following subsection:

"(2A) The Minister may authorise the grant by the Commonwealth of a right to explore for minerals on land that:

- (a) is in a conservation zone within the Northern Territory pastoral lease area; and

- (b) has, by a grant under section 12 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, become vested in an Aboriginal Land Trust, whether before or after the commencement of this subsection."

NOTE

1. No. 69, 1955, as amended. For previous amendments, see No. 4, 1957; No. 93, 1966; Nos. 208 and 216, 1973; No. 37, 1974; No. 105, 1977; No. 61, 1978; Nos. 19 and 155, 1979; No. 70, 1980; No. 74, 1981; and No. 10, 1984.

