

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

THE SENATE

(Presented and read a first time, 9 December 1993)

(SENATOR CHAMARETTE)

A BILL

for

An Act relating to native title

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

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Native Title (Status Quo) Act 1993*.

5 Commencement

2. This Act is taken to have commenced on 1 July 1993.

Definition

3. In this Act:

10 “**native title**” means native title as recognised by the High Court in its decision in *Mabo and others and the State of Queensland (1992) 175 CLR 1*.

Native title part of Commonwealth law

4. The common law of Australia in respect of native title has, after 30 June 1993, the force of a law of the Commonwealth.

Interim status of native title

15 5. Until the Parliament provides otherwise, no law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory enacted on or after 1 July 1993 is capable of:

- (a) extinguishing native title; or
- (b) modifying native title.

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