

NORTHERN TERRITORY (ADMINISTRATION).

No. 71 of 1955.

An Act to amend the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1953*, and for other purposes.

[Assented to 4th November, 1955.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1955*.

Short title
and citation.

(2.) The *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1953*,* as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1955*.

2. This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation. Commencement.

3.—(1.) Section nine of the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1953* is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

“9.—(1.) In the application of the *Lands Acquisition Act 1955* in relation to land in the Territory, a reference in that Act to the Minister for the time being administering that Act shall be read as a reference to the Minister for the time being administering this Act.

Application of
Lands Acquisition Act 1955.

“(2.) The application of the *Lands Acquisition Act 1955* in relation to land in the Territory does not prevent or affect the making or operation of a provision of an Ordinance or other law of the Territory (including an Ordinance or other law made before the commencement of this section) for or in relation to the resumption of land held under leases granted by or on behalf of the Crown in accordance with the provisions of those leases or otherwise on just terms.”

(2.) Notwithstanding the last preceding sub-section, the provisions of the *Lands Acquisition Act 1906-1936*, as applied by section nine of the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1953*, continue to apply in relation to the acquisition of land acquired, or agreed to be acquired, before the commencement of this Act, in pursuance of the first-mentioned Act as so applied.

* Act No. 27, 1910, as amended by Nos. 16 and 19, 1926; Nos. 5 and 7, 1931; No. 18, 1933; No. 85, 1939; Nos. 20 and 87, 1940; Nos. 10 and 39, 1947; No. 53, 1949; No. 71, 1952; and No. 89, 1953.

(3.) It is hereby declared that the reference to any public purpose in section nine of the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act* 1910, or of that Act as amended at any time before the commencement of this Act, included a reference to any purpose in relation to the Northern Territory.

4. Section eleven A of the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act* 1910-1953 is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead :—

Deallings with
Crown lands.

“ 11A. The application of the *Lands Acquisition Act* 1955 in relation to land in the Territory does not prevent or affect the making or operation of a provision of an Ordinance or other law of the Territory (including an Ordinance or other law made before the commencement of this section) by virtue of which—

- (a) lands in the Territory acquired by or vested in the Commonwealth may be disposed of or otherwise dealt with ;
- (b) instruments, receipts and other documents in relation to any such lands may be executed ; or
- (c) rights, duties and liabilities in relation to any such lands are or may be acquired, conferred or imposed.”.

Saving in
relation to the
Lands
Acquisition
Ordinance and
the Darwin
Lands
Acquisition
Act.

5. The repeal of the *Lands Acquisition Act* 1906-1936 by the *Lands Acquisition Act* 1955 shall not be deemed to affect the operation of the *Lands Acquisition Ordinance* 1911-1926 of the Northern Territory of Australia or the *Darwin Lands Acquisition Act* 1945 in relation to the acquisition of land acquired, or agreed to be acquired, before the commencement of this Act.

Validation
of certain
Ordinances.

6. The *Lands Acquisition Ordinance* 1911 of the Northern Territory of Australia, or that Ordinance as amended at any time, or an Ordinance of that Territory made before the commencement of this Act and containing provisions for or in relation to the resumption of land held under leases granted by or on behalf of the Crown, shall not be deemed to have been, at any time before the commencement of this Act, invalid in whole or in part by reason of the provisions made by any Act for the acquisition of land in that Territory.