

Northern Territory Railway Extension

No. 25 of 1971

An Act to provide for the construction of a Railway from Knuckey's Lagoon to East Arm in the Northern Territory of Australia, and for purposes connected therewith.

[Assented to 13 May 1971]

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

- Short title.** 1. This Act may be cited as the *Northern Territory Railway Extension Act 1971*.
- Commencement.** 2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.
- Definitions.** 3. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—
 “the Commissioner” has the same meaning as in the Commonwealth Railways Act;
 “the Commonwealth Railways Act” means the *Commonwealth Railways Act 1917–1968*;
 “the Railway” means the railways authorized by this Act.
- Construction of Railway.** 4.—(1.) The Commissioner shall, subject to this Act and to the Commonwealth Railways Act, construct—
 (a) a railway from Knuckey's Lagoon to East Arm in the Northern Territory of Australia on the route described in Part I. of the Schedule to this Act; and
 (b) a railway at Knuckey's Lagoon in that Territory on the route described in Part II. of that Schedule.
 (2.) The Commissioner may make such deviations, not exceeding one-half of a mile on either side of the route, as are, in his opinion, necessary or reasonable for the better construction and working of the Railway.
- Gauge of Railway.** 5. The gauge of the Railway shall be three feet six inches.
- Cost of Railway.** 6. The cost of the Railway (not including the cost of rolling stock) shall not exceed One million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
- Employment of persons for purposes of construction, &c., of railway.** 7. The Commissioner may appoint or employ such persons as he thinks necessary for the purposes of the construction of the Railway or the working of the Railway before it has been declared open for traffic.

THE SCHEDULE

Section 4 (1.)

PART I.

The route of the railway from Knuckey's Lagoon to East Arm begins at a point on the existing railway from Darwin to Birdum 8 miles 72 chains from the surveyed commencement point of the existing railway near the abutment of the Stokes Hill Wharf at Darwin and runs thence in an easterly direction parallel and adjacent to that railway for 8 chains, then in a southerly direction by way of a curve of 20 chains radius for 29 chains, then on a bearing of 197 degrees 19 minutes for 2 miles 26 chains, then in a westerly direction by way of a curve of 20 chains radius for 40 chains, then on a bearing of 271 degrees 21 minutes for 1 mile 19 chains, then in a south-westerly direction by way of a curve of 20 chains radius for 7 chains to a point on Quarantine Island 4 miles 49 chains from its point of commencement.

PART II.

The route of the railway at Knuckey's Lagoon begins at a point on the existing railway from Darwin to Birdum 10 miles 44 chains from the surveyed commencement point of the existing railway near the abutment of the Stokes Hill Wharf at Darwin and runs thence in a westerly direction parallel and adjacent to that railway for 1 mile 7 chains, then in a southerly direction by way of a curve of 20 chains radius for 29 chains to a point on the route described in Part I. of this Schedule 37 chains from the point of commencement of that route.
