Koongarra Project Area Repeal Bill 1988
(Private Senator’s Bill)

Date Introduced: 22 February 1988
House: Senate
Presented by: Senator Paul McLean

Digest of Bill

Purpose
To repeal the Koongarra Project Area Act 1981.

Background
On 5 April 1979, the Governor-General declared an area of approximately 5500 square kilometres on the Northern Territory as the Kakadu National Park, this particular section being Stage 1 of the Park. The declaration was made by proclamation under section 7(2) of the National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1975. Excluded from the area were six parcels of land covering a total area of approximately 15.7 square kilometres and containing mining and commercial interests. One of these parcels of land was known as the Koongarra Special Mineral Lease Application Area.

Section 3 of the Koongarra Project Area Act 1981 amended the Governor-General’s proclamation by substituting a revised description of the boundaries of Kakadu National Park and providing that the revised area should be deemed to have been proclaimed by the Governor-General in accordance with the requirements of the National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1975. The amendment excised from the Park a piece of land which had been proposed for mining by Noranda Australasia Limited in an environmental impact study. However, the substituted boundary description is still to be proclaimed, so that the original Stage 1 boundary remains in force.

Main Provisions
Clause 3 will repeal the Koongarra Project Area Act 1981.
For further information, if required, contact the Science, Technology & Environment Group.

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