Lands Acquisition Amendment Bill 1987

Date Introduced: 18 March 1987
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. Barry Cohen, M.P., Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment

DIGEST OF BILL

Purpose
To allow mining in declared conservation zones that are also Aboriginal land in the proposed extension of Kakadu National Park.

Background
The boundaries of Kakadu National Park will be extended by the Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Amendment Bill 1987 while the National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Amendment Bill (No.2) 1987 will allow conservation zones to be declared. Refer to the Digests for those Bills and the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 1987 which, together with this Bill, form a legislative package.

Main Provisions
Section 51 of the Lands Acquisition Act 1955 will be amended to allow the Governor-General to authorise mining in a conservation zone that is also vested in an Aboriginal Land Trust (clause 4).

Section 53 of the Principal Act will be amended to allow the Minister to authorise mining in a conservation zone that is also vested in an Aboriginal Land Trust (clause 5).

For further information, if required, contact the Science, Technology and Environment Group.

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