Date Introduced: 24 May 1978
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. A.A. Street, Minister representing the Minister for Administrative Services

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To amend the Lands Acquisition Act 1955 so that it will continue to have application for Commonwealth purposes in the Northern Territory after self-government on 1 July 1978.

Background

This Bill represents one in a series of bills amending a number of Commonwealth Acts for the purposes of granting self-government to the Territory. A complete list of the amending Bills is included in the Minister for the Northern Territory's second reading speech on the Northern Territory (Self-Government) Bill 1978.

Main Provisions

Clause 3 inserts section 5AA into the Act which provides that in applying the Act to the Territory, every reference to a State or a Governor of a State in the Act shall apply to the Territory or the Administrator of the Territory respectively, and the provisions in the Act relating to acquisition of land in the Territories no longer apply to the Northern Territory.

Clause 4 frees statutory authorities incorporated in the Northern Territory from the requirement of having acquisitions of real property for their own purposes effected under the Lands Acquisition Act. However, such statutory authorities may be required to have their acquisitions effected under the Act where it is so declared by regulations made under this section of the Act.