**DARWIN CYCLONE DAMAGE**

**COMPENSATION ACT 1975**

**No. 43 of 1975**

An Act to provide for Payment by Australia of Compensation in respect of Loss of, or Damage to, Property arising out of the Darwin Cyclone.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen, the Senate and the House of Representatives of Australia, as follows:—

**Short title.**

**1.** This Act may be cited as the *Darwin Cyclone Damage Compensation Act* 1975.

**Commencement.**

**2.** This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

**Definitions**.

**3.** In this Act—

“cyclone” means the cyclone that passed through Darwin on 25 December 1974;

“property” means real and personal property.

**Compensation.**

**4.** The Minister may authorize the payment by Australia, in accordance with directions given by him, of compensation in respect of loss of, or damage to, property arising out of the cyclone.

**Moneys to be appropriated.**

**5.** Compensation under this Act is payable out of moneys appropriated by the Parliament for the purpose.

**Reports.**

**6.** The Minister shall, within 15 sitting days of each House of the Parliament after the end of each of the financial years ending on 30 June 1975 and 30 June 1976, lay before that House a report concerning the operation of this Act during the financial year concerned.