**LANDS ACQUISITION AMENDMENT ACT 1978**

**No. 61 of 1978**

An Act to amend the *Lands Acquisition Act* 1955 for purposes related to the self-government of the Northern Territory.

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

**Short title, &c.**

**1.** (1) This Act may be cited as the *Lands Acquisition Amendment Act* 1978.

(2) The *Lands Acquisition Act* 1955 is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

**Commencement**

**2.** This Act shall come into operation on 1 July 1978.

**3.** After section 5 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

**Application of Act to Northern Territory**

“5aa. For the purposes of the application of this Act in relation to the Northern Territory—

(a) a reference in this Act to a State shall be read as including a reference to the Northern Territory;

(b) a reference in this Act to the Governor of a State shall be read as including a reference to the Administrator of the Northern Territory; and

(c) a reference in this Act (other than this section and sections 52, 62 and 66a) to a Territory shall be read as not including a reference to the Northern Territory.”.

**Statutory authorities**

**4.** Section 66a of the Principal Act is amended by omitting sub-section (1) and substituting the following sub-section:

“(1) Subject to sub-section (2) and except as otherwise approved by the Minister, the acquisition, including acquisition by agreement, of land required for the purposes of—

(a) a corporation incorporated by a law of the Commonwealth or of a Territory other than the Northern Territory (whether made before or after the commencement of this section); or

(b) a corporation incorporated by a law of the Northern Territory (whether made before or after the commencement of this section), being a corporation declared by the regulations to be a corporation for the purposes of this paragraph, shall be effected under this Act.”.