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**Lands Acquisition Amendment Act 1987**

**No. 19 of 1987**

**An Act to amend the *Lands Acquisition Act 1955***

[*Assented to 18 May 1987*]

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

**Short title etc.**

**1. (1)** This Act may be cited as the *Lands Acquisition Amendment Act 1987.*

**(2)** The *Lands Acquisition Act 1955*1is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

**Commencement**

**2.** This Act shall come into operation on the commencement of the *National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Amendment Act* (*No. 2*) *1987.*

**Interpretation**

**3.** Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended:

(a) by inserting after the definition of “claimant” in subsection (1) the following definition:

“ ‘conservation zone’ means a conservation zone declared under section 8a of the *National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1975*;”;

(b) by inserting after the definition of “Crown land” in subsection (1) the following definitions:

“ ‘Gimbat’, or ‘Goodparla’, means, in each case, the area described by that name (being an area of land that is or was subject to a pastoral lease) on the map referred to in the definition of ‘Alligator Rivers Region’ in section 3 of the *Environment Protection* (*Alligator Rivers Region*) *Act 1978*;”;

(c) by inserting after the definition of “lease” in subsection (1) the following definition:

“ ‘mineral’ means a naturally occurring substance or mixture of substances;”; and

(d) by inserting after the definition of “mortgagor” in subsection (1) the following definition:

“ ‘Northern Territory pastoral lease area’ means the area delineated by the outer boundaries of the aggregate area comprising Gimbat and Goodparla;”.

**Mining leases and licences**

**4.** Section 51 of the Principal Act is amended:

(a) by omitting from subsection (1) “metals or”; and

(b) by inserting after subsection (1) the following subsection:

“(1a) The Governor-General may authorise the grant by the Commonwealth of a lease or licence to a person to mine for minerals on land that:

(a) is in a conservation zone within the Northern Territory pastoral lease area; and

(b) has, by a grant under section 12 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights* (*Northern Territory*) *Act 1976*,become vested in an Aboriginal Land Trust, whether before or after the commencement of this subsection.”.

**Disposal of land**

**5.** Section 53 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (2) the following subsection:

“(2a) The Minister may authorise the grant by the Commonwealth of a right to explore for minerals on land that:

(a) is in a conservation zone within the Northern Territory pastoral lease area; and

(b) has, by a grant under section 12 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights* (*Northern Territory*) *Act 1976*,become vested in an Aboriginal Land Trust, whether before or after the commencement of this subsection.”.

**NOTE**

1. No. 69, 1955, as amended. For previous amendments, see No. 4, 1957; No. 93. 1966; Nos. 208 and 216, 1973; No. 37, 1974; No. 105, 1977; No. 61, 1978; Nos. 19 and 155, 1979; No. 70, 1980; No. 74, 1981; and No. 10, 1984.

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*House of Representatives on 18 March 1987*

*Senate on 28 April 1987*]