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# Aboriginal Communities (Justice and Land Matters) Act 1984

[as amended by all amendments that commenced on or before 1 January 2005]

An Act to provide for law and order in, the establishment of community justice groups for, and the regulation of alcohol possession and consumption in, community government areas, and entry on trust areas, and for other purposes

## Part 1 Preliminary

### 1 Short title

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This Act may be cited as the *Aboriginal Communities (Justice and Land Matters) Act 1984.* 

### 2 Commencement

- (1) Section 1 and this section shall commence on the day this Act is assented to for and on behalf of Her Majesty.
- (2) Except as is provided by subsection (1), this Act shall commence on 31 May 1984 or on such earlier date as is appointed by proclamation.
- (3) The date on which this Act, other than sections 1 and 2 commences as prescribed is in this Act referred to as the *commencement of this Act*.

### 3 Savings

(1) A management of property of a person that was undertaken when the person was an assisted Aborigine within the meaning of the *Aborigines' and Torres Strait Islanders' Affairs Act 1965* and that is maintained at the commencement

of this Act shall be deemed to be a management of property under this Act and, unless it is terminated in accordance with this Act, shall be maintained in accordance with this Act.

- (2) A management of property of an Aborigine that is maintained at the commencement of this Act shall continue to be maintained in accordance with this Act unless it is terminated in accordance with this Act.
- (3) The Aborigines Welfare Fund maintained by the Corporation of the Under Secretary for Community Services shall continue to be maintained by the corporation in accordance with this Act.
- (4) The Aborigines Welfare Fund mentioned in subsection (3) (the *fund*) is continued in existence subject to the *Financial* Administration and Audit Act 1977, part 8, division 2.<sup>1</sup>
- (5) Accounts for the fund must be kept as part of the departmental accounts of the department.
- (6) However, amounts received for the fund must be deposited in a departmental financial-institution account of the department used only for amounts received for the fund.
- (7) In this section—

*departmental accounts*, of a department, means the accounts of the department under the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977*, section 12.

*departmental financial-institution account*, of a department, means an account of the department kept under the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977*, section 18.

### 4 Definitions

In this Act—

Aboriginal land has the meaning given by section 10 of the Aboriginal Land Act 1991.

<sup>1</sup> Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977, part 8 (Transitional provisions), division 2 (Transitional provisions for Financial Administration Legislation Amendment Act 1999)

*Aboriginal police officer* means a person appointed under section 76 as an Aboriginal police officer for a community government area.

ACC, for part 13, division 3, see section 185.

*alcohol* has the same meaning as *liquor* in the *Liquor Act* 1992.<sup>2</sup>

appealable decision, for part 6, see section 95.

approved form means a form approved under section 181.

*canteen* see the *Indigenous Communities Liquor Licences Act* 2002, schedule.

*closing day for objections and submissions*, for part 6, see section 97(2).

commencement, for part 13, see section 183.

*community area* means a community government area or the Shire of Aurukun or Mornington.

*community council* means a community government or the Council of the Shire of Aurukun or Mornington.

*community government* see the *Local Government* (*Community Government Areas*) Act 2004, schedule 4.

*community government area* see the *Local Government* (*Community Government Areas*) Act 2004, schedule 4.

*community justice group* means a community justice group established under part 5 for a community area.

#### 2 The *Liquor Act 1992*, section 4B— 4B Meaning of *liquor*

- (1) *Liquor* is a spiritous or fermented fluid of an intoxicating nature intended for human consumption.
- (2) *Liquor* also includes any other substance intended for human consumption in which the level of ethyl alcohol (ethanol) is more than 5 mL/L (0.5%) at  $20^{\circ}$ C.
- (3) However, *liquor* does not include a fluid, that would otherwise be liquor, if it is used merely as a preservative or medium in which fruit is offered for sale to the public in sealed containers and with the contents visible.

*coordinator*, for a community justice group, means the person appointed under section 90 by the group to perform the functions of coordinator for the group.

*corporation* means the corporation sole preserved, continued in existence and constituted under this Act by the name and style Aboriginal and Islander Affairs Corporation.

dry place, for part 6, see section 95.

entity, for part 6, see section 95.

fermenter, for part 6, see section 95.

home-brew concentrate, for part 6, see section 95.

home-brew kit, for part 6, see section 95.

*homemade alcohol*, for part 6, see section 95.

*Islander* means a descendant of an indigenous inhabitant of the Torres Strait Islands.

liquor provisions means-

- (a) section 103; and
- (b) the Liquor Act 1992, sections 168B, 169 and  $171.^3$

*local law* see the *Local Government Act 1993*, schedule.

*member*, for parts 5 and 6, means a member of a community justice group.

native title holder, for part 7, see section 114.

native title rights and interests, for part 7, see section 114.

non-Aboriginal land means land that is not Aboriginal land.

*police officer in charge*, for a community government area, means the police officer in charge of the police station in the area or, if there is no police station in the area, the police officer in charge of the nearest police station.

<sup>3</sup> Section 103 (Possession or consumption of alcohol in or on dry place) and the *Liquor Act 1992*, sections 168B (Prohibition of possession of liquor in restricted area), 169 (Authority required for sale) and 171 (Carrying or exposing liquor for sale)

possess, for part 6, see section 95.

prescribed community area, for part 6, see section 95.
private place, for part 6, see section 95.
public place, for part 6, see section 95.
repealed part 8, for part 13, division 3, see section 185.
trust area, for part 7, see section 114.

## Part 2 Administration

### 7 Corporation

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- (1) The corporation sole preserved, continued in existence and constituted under the *Community Services (Aborigines) Act* 1984 under the name and style 'The Corporation of the Under Secretary for Community Services' is hereby further preserved, continued in existence and constituted under the name and style 'Aboriginal and Islander Affairs Corporation'.
- (2) The corporation is constituted by the person who at the material time holds the appointment, chief executive, and under the name and style assigned to it by subsection (1)—
  - (a) has perpetual succession and an official seal;
  - (b) is capable in law of suing and being sued, of compounding or proving in a court of competent jurisdiction all debts and sums of money due to it;
  - (c) is capable in law of acquiring and holding (absolutely or subject to trusts), letting, leasing, hiring, disposing of and otherwise dealing with property real and personal situated within or outside the State and of doing and suffering all such acts and things as bodies corporate may in law do and suffer.
- (3) All courts, judges, justices and persons acting judicially shall take judicial notice of the seal of the corporation affixed to

any writing and, until the contrary is proved, shall presume that it was duly affixed thereto.

(4) With respect to the exercise of any of its powers and with respect to any matter arising in connection therewith the corporation has all the privileges, rights and remedies of the Crown.

### 8 Corporation of chief executive is statutory body

- (1) Under the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act* 1982, the corporation is a statutory body.
- (2) The Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982, part 2B sets out the way in which the corporation's powers under this Act are affected by the Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982.

### 9 Consequences of constitution of corporation

- (1) A reference in any—
  - (a) Act; or
  - (b) proclamation, order in council, regulation, by-law or other instrument made under any Act; or
  - (c) agreement, contract, deed or other document, instrument or writing of any kind;

to the Corporation of the Director of Aboriginal and Islanders Advancement constituted under the *Aborigines Act 1971* or the Corporation of the Under Secretary for Community Services constituted under the *Community Services* (*Aborigines*) *Act 1984* shall be read and construed as a reference to the corporation.

(2) Any proceeding which prior to the commencement of this section was commenced by or against the Corporation of the Director of Aboriginal and Islanders Advancement or the Corporation of the Under Secretary for Community Services and which is not concluded at such commencement may be continued by or against the corporation.

(3) The registrar of titles and any other person charged with the keeping of a register of dealings concerning land vested in or held by the Corporation of the Director of Aboriginal and Islanders Advancement or the Corporation of the Under Secretary for Community Services shall without further authority than this section alter the name as shown in such register of the registered proprietor, registered lessee, owner or occupier of land referred to in such register to 'Aboriginal and Islander Affairs Corporation'.

### 11 Delegation by Minister or chief executive

- (1) The Minister or chief executive may delegate his or her powers under this Act to an appropriately qualified officer of the department.
- (2) In this section—

*appropriately qualified*, in relation to a power, includes having the qualifications, experience or standing appropriate to exercise the power.

Example of standing—

a person's classification level in the public service

# Part 4 Law and order in community government areas

# Division 3 Law and order in community government areas

### 73 Jurisdiction and powers of police

(1) Police officers have and may exercise in a community government area and in respect of persons therein the functions, duties and powers imposed or conferred on them by law that they have and may exercise in any other part of Queensland.

- (2) In respect of the discharge or exercise in a community government area of any function, duty or power a police officer has the protection accorded by law to a police officer in the discharge or exercise of that function, duty or power elsewhere in Queensland.
- (3) Police officers are authorised to perform such acts and do such things in a community government area as may be authorised or required to be done by Aboriginal police officers under the local laws of the community government established for that area as if such local laws were part of the law of Queensland.
- (4) In respect in the performance in a community government area of any act or thing referred to in subsection (3) a police officer has the protection accorded by law to a police officer in the discharge or exercise by the officer of the officer's functions, duties and powers elsewhere in Queensland.

### 74 Entry upon community government areas etc.

A police officer is entitled to enter on and to be in a community government area—

- (a) for the purpose of discharging or exercising a function, duty or power imposed or conferred on the officer by law; or
- (b) for the purpose of performing any act or thing that the officer is by this Act authorised to perform pursuant to an authority or requirement of a local law of a community government;

and, in the case referred to in paragraph (b), the officer shall be deemed to be acting in the discharge of the officer's duty as a police officer.

# 75 Application to community government areas of laws relating to public places

(1) For the purpose only of applying the provisions of laws in force in respect of any public place in Queensland to community government areas—

- (a) the right of access to or use of any place in a community government area by the general body of persons resident in the area is to be taken to have effect in law as if it were a right of access or use by the public; and
- (b) where any place would, but for its being in a community government area, be taken in law to be a public place, road, park or place of any other description it is to be taken so to be notwithstanding that it is in the area in question.
- (2) This section is not to be construed as conferring on any person a right of entry to community government areas.

### 76 Aboriginal police

- (1) The function of maintaining peace and good order in all parts of a community government area is that of persons who hold appointments for the time being as Aboriginal police officers for the area.
- (2) A community government may appoint such number of persons as it considers necessary for the peace and good order of its area and the community government shall equip the persons appointed with a uniform and such other marks of authority as it thinks fit to enable them to discharge their function.
- (3) A person appointed under subsection (2) must have the qualifications prescribed under a regulation.
- (4) Subsection (3) does not limit the issues the community government may consider when deciding whether to appoint someone under subsection (2).
- (5) In this section—

qualifications includes knowledge, skills and experience.

### 77 Discharge of Aboriginal police officers' functions etc.

(1) Aboriginal police officers appointed for a community government area shall have and may exercise within that area the functions, duties and powers conferred on them by local law of the community government established for the area.

- (2) Also, for the administration and enforcement of the liquor provisions in a community government area, the police officer in charge for the area may authorise an Aboriginal police officer to exercise in the area the powers of—
  - (a) an investigator under the *Liquor Act*, 1992, part 7;<sup>4</sup> or
  - (b) a police officer under the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000*, sections 51 to 53.<sup>5</sup>
- (3) For subsection (2)(b), the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000*, sections 51 to 53, apply as if a reference in the sections to a police officer were a reference to an Aboriginal police officer.
- (4) If at any time a police officer is, in execution of the officer's duty, stationed in or present in a community government area for which Aboriginal police officers are appointed, the Aboriginal police officers must discharge and exercise their functions, duties and powers subject to the direction and control of that police officer.
- (5) It is lawful for an Aboriginal police officer to use reasonable force in the discharge of the officer's function of maintaining peace and good order in the area for which the officer is appointed.

### 78 Other functions of Aboriginal police officers

A community government may by its local laws or otherwise as it thinks fit charge Aboriginal police officers appointed for its community government area with responsibility for ambulance services, firefighting services, emergency services and such other services associated with the local government of the area as it thinks fit.

<sup>4</sup> For exercise of powers by Aboriginal police officers under the *Liquor Act 1992*, part 7, see section 174A of that Act.

<sup>5</sup> *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000*, sections 51 (Stopping vehicles for prescribed purposes), 52 (Power to require vehicles to be moved) and 53 (Requirement to remain at a place)

### 79 Indemnification of Aboriginal police officer for liability for tort

- (1) If—
  - (a) an Aboriginal police officer incurs legal liability for committing a tort while acting, or purporting to act, in the execution of duty as an officer; and
  - (b) the officer acted honestly and without gross negligence;

the State may indemnify the officer for the liability.

- (2) If—
  - (a) an Aboriginal police officer incurs legal liability for helping, directly or indirectly, a person suffering, or apparently suffering, from illness or injury in circumstances that the officer reasonably considers to be an emergency; and
  - (b) the officer acted honestly and without gross negligence;

the State must indemnify the officer for the liability.

## Division 5 Authorised officers

### 84 Authorised officers

- (1) A community government may appoint any person to be an authorised officer for its community government area for such period as the community government specifies, to protect the natural and cultural resources of the area.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), an authorised officer appointed under subsection (1) is to perform such functions and duties and may exercise such powers as are prescribed in the local laws for the community government area in which the authorised officer is appointed, which local laws may have regard to Aboriginal custom, tradition and belief.
- (3) An authorised officer may only perform a function or exercise a power, in respect of Aboriginal land in the community government area for which the authorised officer is appointed, under an agreement between the community government and the grantees of the land.

### 85 General powers of authorised officers

- (1) An authorised officer, in addition to such other powers and duties as from time to time devolve upon that officer under this Act or the local laws for the community government area for which the officer is appointed may—
  - (a) call to his or her aid an Aboriginal police officer for the area where he or she has reasonable cause to apprehend any obstruction in the exercise of his or her powers or in the execution of his or her duties;
  - (b) be accompanied and aided by any person the officer may think competent to assist him or her in making any inspection or examination for the purposes of the local laws for the area;
  - (c) make such examination and inquiry as may be necessary to ascertain whether the provisions of this Act or the relevant local laws have been or are being complied with by any person or in respect of the area concerned;
  - (d) at any time, stop any vehicle or vessel that he or she suspects on reasonable grounds to be used in the commission of a breach of the local laws for the area and search and examine that vehicle or vessel and all containers or other receptacles for any evidence of such a breach, and for that purpose may require the owner or person in charge thereof to open any such vehicle, vessel, container or other receptacle and expose its contents to view;
  - (e) perform such other functions and duties and exercise such other powers and authorities as may be prescribed in the local laws for the area concerned.
- (2) An authorised officer who—
  - (a) finds any person committing or believes on reasonable grounds that any person has committed an offence against this Act or the relevant local laws; or
  - (b) is making inquiries or investigations with a view to establishing whether or not an offence against this Act or those local laws has been committed by any person; or

(c) is of the opinion that the name, age and address or place of residence of any person is required for the purpose of giving effect to any provision of this Act or the relevant local laws, or for the purpose of enabling the authorised officer to carry out his or her powers and duties under this Act or the relevant local laws;

may require such person to state his or her name, age and address or place of residence, and, if the authorised officer believes on reasonable grounds that any information given in this regard is false, may require evidence of the correctness thereof.

(3) A person who fails to comply with a request of an authorised officer under subsection (2) commits an offence against this Act.

Maximum penalty—4 penalty units.

## Part 5 Community justice groups

# Division 1 Establishment, functions and powers

### 86 Establishment

- (1) A community justice group for a community area may be established under a regulation.
- (2) The regulation must state the group's name.

### 87 Functions and powers

- (1) The functions of the community justice group for a community area are to—
  - (a) regulate the possession and consumption of alcohol in the area under part 6, division 2; and

- (b) carry out local strategies to address justice issues affecting members of the community in the area; and
- (c) make recommendations to the community liquor licence board established under the *Indigenous Communities Liquor Licences Act 2002*, part 2, division 1, for the area about the operation of the canteen in the area;<sup>6</sup> and
- (d) make recommendations to the Minister administering the *Liquor Act 1992*, part 6A, about declarations under that part; and
- (e) carry out other functions given to it under this or another Act.

Example for subsection (1)(c)—

The group may make a recommendation about the days and hours of operation of the canteen or the availability of takeaway alcohol.

- (2) To remove any doubt, it is declared that the group may not make recommendations about the employment of canteen staff, including, for example, the appointment of the canteen manager.
- (3) The group has power to do all things reasonably necessary to be done for performing its functions.
- (4) Without limiting subsection (3), the group has the powers conferred on it by this or another Act.

# Division 2 Provisions about membership of groups and group coordinators

### 88 Membership

- (1) The community justice group for a community area comprises the number of members prescribed under a regulation.
- (2) A regulation may make provision about the following—

<sup>6</sup> See the *Indigenous Communities Liquor Licences Act 2002*, section 8 (Board to implement recommendations of community justice group).

- (a) eligibility of persons to be members;
- (b) nomination of persons as members;
- (c) terms on which, and period, a member holds office.
- (3) However, members must include at least 1 representative of each of the main indigenous social groupings in the area.
- (4) Members must be of good standing in the community.
- (5) In this section—

*indigenous social grouping* means a group of indigenous persons sharing a common basis of social affiliation, including family relationship, language, traditional land ownership and historical association.

### 89 Criminal history checks

- (1) A regulation may provide for the disclosure by the commissioner of the police service to a stated entity of a person's criminal history for deciding whether the person is suitable to be nominated as a member.
- (2) The entity must—
  - (a) not use the information for any purpose other than for the purpose mentioned in subsection (1); and
  - (b) as soon as practicable after the information is no longer needed for the purpose, destroy it.
- (3) In this section—

*criminal history*, of a person, means the convictions, other than spent convictions, recorded against the person for offences, in Queensland or elsewhere, whether before or after the commencement of this section.

spent conviction means a conviction—

- (a) for which the rehabilitation period under the *Criminal Law (Rehabilitation of Offenders) Act 1986* has expired under that Act; and
- (b) that is not revived as prescribed by section 11 of that Act.

### 90 Coordinator

- (1) The community justice group for a community area must appoint a coordinator for the group.
- (2) A regulation may make provision about the eligibility of a person to be appointed as coordinator.
- (3) The coordinator's functions are to—
  - (a) provide administrative support to the group; and

Example for paragraph (a)—

Ensuring notice requirements under part 6, division 2, are met.

- (b) attend meetings of the group to advise it on any issue before it; and
- (c) ensure minutes of the group's meetings are kept; and
- (d) ensure the reporting requirements under section 93 are complied with.

### Division 3 Miscellaneous provisions

### 91 Authentication of documents

A document made by the community justice group for a community area is sufficiently made if it is signed by the coordinator for the group.

### 92 Protection of members from civil liability

- (1) A member is not civilly liable to someone for an act done, or omission made, honestly and without negligence under this Act.
- (2) If subsection (1) prevents a civil liability attaching to the member, the liability attaches instead to the State.

### 93 Reporting requirements

(1) Within 90 days after the end of each reporting period, a community justice group must prepare a report on its

activities for the period and give the report to the chief executive.

- (2) The report must be in the approved form.
- (3) In this section—

### reporting period means—

- (a) the period prescribed under a regulation; or
- (b) if a period is not prescribed under paragraph (a)—each quarter of a financial year.

# Part 6 Control of possession and consumption of alcohol in community areas

### Division 1 Preliminary

### 94 Purpose of pt 6

- (1) The purpose of this part is to prevent harm in community areas caused by alcohol abuse and misuse and associated violence.
- (2) The purpose is to be achieved by—
  - (a) prohibiting in certain community areas the possession or supply of homemade alcohol and the possession of certain substances and things used to make homemade alcohol; and
  - (b) providing for the declaration of places in community areas in which the possession and consumption of all alcohol is prohibited.

### 95 Definitions for pt 6

In this part—

*appealable decision* means a community justice group's decision—

- (a) to declare, or not to declare, a place as a dry place; or
- (b) to amend or revoke the declaration of a place as a dry place; or
- (c) to suspend, or not to suspend, the declaration of a place as a dry place.

closing day for objections and submissions see section 97(2).

*dry place* means a place declared under division 2 as a dry place.

entity includes-

- (a) a department; and
- (b) a division, branch or other part of a department.

*fermenter* means a container that could be used for the purpose of fermentation.

### home-brew concentrate means-

- (a) a substance, that includes malt and hops, ordinarily used for brewing beer; or
- (b) wort; or
- (c) grape concentrate ordinarily used for making wine.

home-brew kit means a kit that includes all the following-

- (a) a fermenter;
- (b) an airlock;
- (c) a thermometer.

*homemade alcohol* means alcohol made other than under a licence under—

- (a) the *Excise Act 1901* (Cwlth); or
- (b) the Distillation Act 1901 (Cwlth).

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- (a) have custody or control of the alcohol; and
- (b) have an ability or right to obtain custody or control of the alcohol.

*prescribed community area* means a community area prescribed under a regulation for section 112A.

### private place means—

- (a) a place occupied by a person, a group of persons, or an entity other than the State or a community council; or
- (b) a place to which a person or group of persons have the authority to control access under Aboriginal tradition.

*public place* means a place that is not a private place.

## Division 2 Dry places

### 96 Declaration

- (1) The community justice group for a community area may—
  - (a) on its own initiative or on written application by the community council for the area or the chief executive of a department—
    - (i) declare a public place in the area as a dry place; or
    - (ii) amend or revoke a declaration made by it under subparagraph (i); or
  - (b) on written or personal application by the occupier of a private place in the area, or a person or group of persons with authority to control access to the place under Aboriginal tradition—
    - (i) declare the place as a dry place; or
    - (ii) amend or revoke a declaration made by it under subparagraph (i).
- (2) The community justice group may invite an application about a particular private place.
- (3) The group must consider the application as soon as reasonably practicable.

- (4) A declaration may be for the limited time stated in it, or without limit of time, and may state reasonable conditions to which it is subject.
- (5) The group may also, on its own initiative, revoke a declaration made under subsection (1)(b) if it is satisfied it is necessary to revoke the declaration because the occupier of the place, or a person or group with authority to control access to the place under Aboriginal tradition, has acted in a way that is contrary to the effect of, or hinders the enforcement of, the declaration.
- (6) The group must ensure a person or group of persons who wish to make a written application under subsection (1)(b) are given help to make the application.

### 97 Notice of proposal

- (1) Before deciding whether to declare a place as a dry place, the community justice group for a community area must display written notice of the proposal—
  - (a) in at least 1 prominent place in the area; and
  - (b) if it considers it practicable, at the place.
- (2) The notice must—
  - (a) sufficiently identify the place; and
  - (b) state the right of a person to object or make a supporting submission; and
  - (c) state the day (the *closing day for objections and submissions*) on or before which—
    - (i) a written objection or supporting submission must be made; or
    - (ii) a written notice that a person wishes to object or make a supporting submission in person to the group, must be given; and
  - (d) state the objection, submission or notice must be made or given\_to the coordinator for the group; and
  - (e) if the proposed declaration is for a limited time—state that fact and the period proposed.

- (3) The notice must be displayed for at least 14 days immediately before the closing day for objections and submissions.
- (4) In addition to displaying written notice of the proposal as required by this section, the group must consult with members of the community resident in the area in the way it considers appropriate.
- (5) This section applies to the amendment or revocation of a declaration of a place as a dry place in the same way as it applies to the making of the declaration.

### 98 Objections and supporting submissions

- (1) A person whose interests will be affected by the declaration of a public place as a dry place may object to or support the proposal to make the declaration.
- (2) A proposed declaration of a private place as a dry place may be objected to or supported by—
  - (a) a person or group of persons with the authority to control access to the place or a neighbouring place under Aboriginal tradition; or
  - (b) the occupier of, or a person or group who use, the place or a neighbouring place.
- (3) The objection or supporting submission must be made—
  - (a) in writing to the coordinator for the community justice group for the community area in which the place is located on or before the closing day for objections and submissions; or
  - (b) if the objector or supporter tells the coordinator for the group, on or before that day, that he or she wishes to appear before the group to make a submission—personally to the group.
- (4) The group must consider all written objections and supporting submissions made on or before the closing day for objections and submissions.
- (5) If the group gives a person mentioned subsection (3)(b) a reasonable opportunity to appear before it and put the

objection or supporting submission but the person fails to appear, the person loses the right to have the objection or supporting submission considered by the group.

- (6) A fee is not payable by an objector or supporter.
- (7) This section applies to the amendment or revocation of a declaration of a place as a dry place in the same way as it applies to the making of the declaration.

### 99 Notice about declaration

- (1) The community justice group for a community area must display written notice of the declaration of a place as a dry place in at least 1 prominent place in the area for as long as the declaration is in force.
- (2) The notice must—
  - (a) sufficiently identify the place; and
  - (b) state that the declaration takes effect on the day on which the declaration is displayed; and
  - (c) if the declaration is for a limited time—state that fact and the period of the declaration; and
  - (d) state the provisions of section 103.
- (3) This section applies to the amendment or revocation of the declaration of a place as a dry place in the same way as it applies to the making of the declaration.
- (4) However, notice of the revocation must be displayed for at least 1 month and need not state the provisions of section 103.

### 100 Suspension of declaration

- (1) The community justice group for a community area may, on written application by any person, suspend the declaration of a public place in the area as a dry place for a period of not more than 7 days.
- (2) The application must state the purpose and period of the suspension sought.

- (3) The group must consider the application as soon as reasonably practicable.
- (4) The group may suspend the declaration only if it is satisfied it is in the best interests of the residents of the area to do so.
- (5) The suspension may apply for all alcohol or a particular type of alcohol.
- (6) Also, the suspension may state reasonable conditions to which it is subject.
- (7) Sections 97 to 99 apply, with all necessary changes, to the suspension of a declaration of a place as a dry place as if it were a proposal to declare a place as a dry place.
- (8) However, notice of the suspension displayed under section 99 need not state the provisions of section 103.
- (9) The suspension does not affect the operation of section 112A.<sup>7</sup>

### 101 Effect of declaration of dry place

- (1) This section applies if—
  - (a) under this division, a place is declared as a dry place (the *dry place declaration*); and
  - (b) the place is in a restricted area under the *Liquor Act 1992* to which section 168B of that Act applies because of a declaration under section 173H of that Act (the *restricted area declaration*).
- (2) The dry place declaration applies to the place despite the restricted area declaration.

<sup>7</sup> Section 112A (Offences relating to homemade alcohol)

# Division 3 Offences relating to community justice groups and dry places

### 102 Obstructing members

(1) A person must not obstruct or improperly influence a member in performing the member's functions under this Act.

Maximum penalty—200 penalty units.

(2) In this section—

*influence* includes attempt to influence.

obstruct includes hinder, resist and attempt to obstruct.

### 103 Possession or consumption of alcohol in or on dry place

(1) A person must not, in or on a dry place, possess or consume alcohol.

Maximum penalty—250 penalty units.

(2) A person must not, in or on a dry place, be drunk.

Maximum penalty—25 penalty units.

### 104 False or misleading statements

(1) A person must not state anything to a community justice group that the person knows is false or misleading in a material particular.

Maximum penalty—60 penalty units.

(2) In a proceeding for an offence against subsection (1), it is enough to state that the statement made was, without specifying which, false or misleading.

### 105 False or misleading documents

(1) A person must not give a community justice group a document containing information the person knows is false or misleading in a material particular.

Maximum penalty—60 penalty units.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person if the person, when giving the document—
  - (a) tells the group, to the best of the person's ability, how it is false or misleading; and
  - (b) if the person has, or can reasonably obtain, the correct information—gives the correct information.
- (3) In a proceeding for an offence against subsection (1), it is enough to state that the document was, without specifying which, false or misleading.

### Division 4 Appeals relating to dry places

### 106 Who may appeal

A person whose interests are affected by an appealable decision may appeal against the decision to a Magistrates Court.

### 107 How to start appeal

- (1) An appeal is started by—
  - (a) filing notice of appeal with the clerk of the court of a Magistrates Court in, or nearest to, the community area to which the decision relates; and
  - (b) giving a copy of the notice to the community justice group that made the appealable decision within 7 days after the notice is filed.
- (2) The notice of appeal must be filed within 28 days after the appellant becomes aware of the decision.
- (3) The court may at any time extend the period for filing the notice of appeal.
- (4) The notice of appeal must state fully the grounds of the appeal and the facts relied on.

### 108 Stay of operation of decisions

- (1) The Magistrates Court may grant a stay of the appealable decision to secure the effectiveness of the appeal.
- (2) The stay—
  - (a) may be given on the conditions the court considers appropriate; and
  - (b) operates for the period fixed by the court; and
  - (c) may be revoked or amended by the court.
- (3) The period of the stay must not extend past the time when the court decides the appeal.
- (4) The appeal affects the appealable decision, or carrying out of the decision, only if the decision is stayed.

### 109 Powers of Magistrates Court

- (1) In deciding the appeal, the Magistrates Court—
  - (a) has the same powers as the community justice group; and
  - (b) is not bound by the rules of evidence; and
  - (c) must comply with natural justice.
- (2) The appeal is by way of rehearing unaffected by the decision appealed against on the material before the group and any further evidence allowed by the court.
- (3) The court may—
  - (a) confirm the appealable decision; or
  - (b) set aside the decision and substitute another decision; or
  - (c) set aside the decision and return the issue to the group with the directions the court considers appropriate.

### 110 Constitution of Magistrates Court

The Magistrates Court must be constituted by a magistrate when exercising its jurisdiction to decide the appeal.

### 111 Effect of Magistrates Court's decision

If the Magistrates Court substitutes another decision, the substituted decision is, for this part (other than this division), taken to be the community justice group's decision.

### 112 Appeal to District Court

An appeal to the District Court from a decision of a Magistrates Court may be made only on a question of law.

### Division 5 Provisions relating to homemade alcohol in certain community areas

### 112A Offences relating to homemade alcohol

A person must not, in a prescribed community area—

- (a) possess a home-brew kit; or
- (b) possess home-brew concentrate; or
- (c) possess homemade alcohol; or
- (d) supply homemade alcohol to someone else.

Maximum penalty-250 penalty units.

### 112B Relationship with restricted areas

- (1) This section applies if a prescribed community area or part of a prescribed community area is, or is in, a restricted area under the *Liquor Act 1992* to which section 168B of that Act applies because of a declaration under section 173H of that Act (the *restricted area declaration*).
- (2) Section 112A(c) applies to the whole of the prescribed community area despite the restricted area declaration.

### Division 6 Miscellaneous provision

### 113 Making applications

- (1) An application under this part must be made to the coordinator for the community justice group for the community area to which the application relates.
- (2) A fee is not payable for an application—
  - (a) to have a place declared as a dry place; or
  - (b) to have the declaration amended, revoked or suspended.

## Part 7 Entry on trust areas

### 114 Definitions for pt 7

In this part—

*native title holder* see the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth), section 224.

*native title rights and interests* see the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth), section 223.

*trust area* means land within a community government area that is—

- (a) granted in trust under the *Land Act 1994* for the benefit of Aboriginal inhabitants or for Aboriginal purposes; or
- (b) a reserve for Aboriginal purposes under the *Land Act* 1994; or
- (c) land mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) that has become Aboriginal land.

### 115 Entry on trust area only in certain circumstances

A person must not enter, or be in, a trust area other than as permitted under this part.

Maximum penalty—35 penalty units.

### 116 Entry on trust area etc. by non-residents

- (1) A person may, for a lawful purpose, enter and be in a place within a trust area if—
  - (a) the place is an accessible place; or
  - (b) the place is another place that the community government for the trust area has decided, by resolution, is a place to which persons who are not residents of the trust area may have access.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), a person may enter and be in a place within a trust area that a resident of the trust area may enter and be in if the person enters or is in the place as a guest, or at the request of, a resident of the trust area.
- (3) Despite subsection (1)(a), if immediately before the commencement of this section, a native title holder could have entered and been in a place within a trust area in the exercise of the holder's native title rights and interests in relation to the place, the holder may continue to enter and be in the place in the exercise of the rights and interests.
- (4) A resolution may be made under subsection (1)(b) for a place that is Aboriginal land only with the written consent of the grantee of the land.
- (4A) Subsection (4B) applies to a person if—
  - (a) the person—
    - (i) is not a resident of a trust area; and
    - (ii) is permitted under the Aboriginal Land Act 1991 to enter and be on Aboriginal land (the Aboriginal land area); and
  - (b) the Aboriginal land area is situated within the trust area.

- (4B) The person may enter and be in another part of the trust area for the purpose of entering the Aboriginal land area.
  - (5) In this section—

### accessible place means-

- (a) a road; or
- (b) a park; or
- (c) a boat ramp or landing; or
- (d) an airport; or
- (e) a building open to the public, whether or not on payment of money.

airport includes-

- (a) an aerodrome, airfield and landing strip; and
- (b) another place used for the landing or parking of aircraft; and
- (c) a tarmac.

landing includes jetty, pontoon and wharf.

*road* includes a State-controlled road under the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994*.

### 117 Notice about resolution

- (1) A community government must, as soon as practicable after passing a resolution under section 116(1)(b), display written notice of the resolution in at least 1 prominent place in its trust area for as long as the resolution is in force.
- (2) The notice must—
  - (a) sufficiently identify the place the subject of the resolution; and
  - (b) state the provisions of section 116.

# 118 Community government may impose restrictions on entry etc.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), a community government for a trust area may, by resolution—
  - (a) restrict the number of persons who may enter and be in a place within the trust area under section 116(1)(b) or (2); or
  - (b) restrict the time for which a person may live at a place within the trust area under section 116(1)(b) or (2).
- (2) A community government may make a resolution under subsection (1) only if the presence of the persons has resulted, or is likely to result, in an unsustainable use of resources or services in the area including, for example, the water supply or garbage service.

## 119 General authority to enter etc. trust area

- (1) The following persons are authorised to enter, be in and live in a trust area—
  - (a) an Aboriginal person, or another person, who is a member of the community residing in the trust area;
  - (b) a person who is performing a function, or exercising a power, under this Act or another Act that requires the person to be in the trust area;
  - (c) a person authorised, for the purpose of this paragraph, under a local law by the community government for the trust area.
- (2) A local law may be made under subsection (1)(c) for a part of the trust area that is Aboriginal land only with the written consent of the grantee of the land.
- (3) A local law made under subsection (1)(c) must state the parts of the trust area to which the local law applies.

# 120 Entry on and temporary stay in trust area

Without limiting section 119, the following persons are authorised to enter, be in and live in a trust area until the purpose of their entry to the area is fulfilled—

- (a) the Governor-General and the Governor for Queensland;
- (b) a person whose purpose in the trust area is to bring to residents of the trust area medical aid;
- (c) a person whose purpose in the trust area is to instruct himself or herself on affairs within the trust area as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland or of either House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth;
- (d) a person whose purpose in the trust area is to campaign as a candidate for election to the Legislative Assembly of Queensland or either House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth at an election for which a writ that requires its holding has been issued;
- (e) a person who is assisting, or is acting under the direction or control of, a person mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d), while the person mentioned in the paragraph is in the trust area.

# 121 Removal from trust area

- (1) A police officer or Aboriginal police officer may remove from a trust area a person who is not permitted under this part to be in the trust area.
- (2) It is lawful for an Aboriginal police officer exercising or attempting to exercise a power under subsection (1) against a person, and anyone helping the Aboriginal police officer, to use reasonably necessary force to exercise the power.<sup>8</sup>
- (3) The force an Aboriginal police officer may use under this section does not include force likely to cause grievous bodily harm to a person or the person's death.

<sup>8</sup> See also the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Act 2000*, section 376 (Power to use force against individuals).

# Part 11 Assistance sought by Aborigines

## 169 Grant of aid

- (1) Subject to and in accordance with the regulations (if any) applicable to the grant in question, the chief executive may grant aid to any Aborigine who applies to the chief executive therefor and, where necessary, may apply therein money appropriated by Parliament for the purpose or money held for the benefit of Aborigines generally.
- (2) Subject as prescribed by subsection (1), aid granted under that subsection may be of such a type (in money, in kind, or by way of services) and may be granted in such circumstances, on such terms and conditions and, where granted by way of secured loan, on such security as the chief executive thinks fit.

# 170 Deposit of savings with banker

- (1) The chief executive is authorised to continue the facilities established as at the commencement of this Act in areas for the acceptance by the chief executive of money deposited by Aborigines by way of their savings and the chief executive is authorised to establish in areas new facilities of a like nature.
- (2) In this part the person providing such facilities is called *the banker*.
- (3) The banker must deposit money received by the banker under subsection (1) in—
  - (a) the trust fund established as at the commencement of this Act with the Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia; or
  - (b) another trust fund established by the banker for depositing the money.
- (4) The banker shall cause to be properly kept a separate record and account of all moneys deposited with the banker by each Aborigine by way of his or her savings and each such account shall be credited at least once in each year with an amount as

interest earned by the amount standing to the credit of that account at a rate not less than the rate of interest payable by the Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia in respect of its ordinary savings accounts.

(5) Money deposited with the banker by Aborigines by way of their savings together with all interest accrued thereon shall be repayable at call and upon receipt of an authority signed or otherwise attested by the Aborigine on whose behalf money is so held or by another person authorised in writing by the Aborigine the chief executive shall arrange the withdrawal of the amount sought from the appropriate trust fund and the payment thereof to the Aborigine or as otherwise requested by the Aborigine.

# 171 Continuation of management of money

- (1) Where at the commencement of this Act property, being money, of an Aborigine is being managed under the *Aborigines Act 1971* the chief executive is authorised to continue that management.
- (2) Moneys of an Aborigine under the management of the chief executive pursuant to subsection (1) shall be deemed to be moneys deposited with the chief executive by the Aborigine by way of his or her savings and the provisions of section 170 shall apply accordingly.

## 172 Banker is a statutory body

- (1) The banker is a statutory body for the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982.*
- (2) The Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982, part 2B sets out the way in which the banker's powers under this Act are affected by the Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982.

# 173 Administration of Aborigines' estates

(1) In the absence of a testamentary instrument duly made by an Aborigine who has died or is to be presumed to have died and

if it should prove impracticable to ascertain the person or persons entitled in law to succeed to the estate of the Aborigine or any part of it, the chief executive may determine which person or persons shall be entitled to so succeed or whether any person is so entitled.

- (2) The person or persons determined by the chief executive to be entitled to succeed to an estate or to any part of it shall be the only person or persons entitled in law to succeed to the estate or, as the case may be, part and, if more than 1 person is so determined, to succeed in the order and proportions determined by the chief executive.
- (3) A certificate purporting to be signed by the chief executive that the person or persons named therein is or are entitled to succeed to the estate or any part of the estate of the person named therein (being a person to whose estate subsections (1) and (2) apply), or that there is no person so entitled shall be conclusive evidence of the matters contained therein.
- (4) If, so far as can be determined, there is no person entitled to succeed to the estate or a part of the estate of an Aborigine who has died or is to be presumed to have died the estate or, as the case may be, part shall vest in the chief executive who shall apply the moneys or the proceeds of the sale of any property (less the expenses (if any) of such sale) for the benefit of Aborigines generally as provided by section 169.

# Part 12 General provisions

### 174 Aborigines' right to certain natural resources

(1) Subject to sections 62 and 93 of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, but despite the provisions of any other Act, a member of a community of Aborigines resident in a community government area shall not be liable to prosecution as for an offence for taking marine products or fauna by traditional means for consumption by members of the community.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not be construed to authorise the sale or other disposal for gain of any marine product or fauna taken by traditional means.

# 175 Aborigines' right to certain forest products and quarry material—Aboriginal land

- (1) If there is no reservation to the Crown of forest products or quarry material, within the meaning of the *Forestry Act 1959*, above, on or below the surface of Aboriginal land, the community government for the community government area in which the land is situated may, subject to subsection (2), authorise the gathering or digging, and removal, of forest products or quarry material for use in the community government area.
- (2) A community government must not give an authority unless-
  - (a) the authority is given under an agreement between the community government and the grantees of the land; or
  - (b) failing agreement, the community government pays the grantees of the land such compensation as is determined by the Land Court.

# 176 Aborigines' right to certain forest products and quarry material—non-Aboriginal land

- (1) Subject to sections 62 and 93 of the *Nature Conservation Act* 1992, but despite any other Act, a member of a community of Aborigines that lives in a community government area of a community government is not liable to prosecution for an offence for taking forest products or quarry material, within the meaning of the *Forestry Act 1959*, from above, on or below the surface of trust land held by the community government, for use within the community government.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not authorise the sale or other disposal for gain of forest products or quarry material taken under that subsection.

- (3) Despite the *Forestry Act 1959*, a community government may authorise the gathering or digging, and removal of forest products or quarry material from above, on or below the surface of trust land held by the community government, for use within the community government area of the community government.
- (4) The forest products or quarry material may be gathered or dug, and removed, under subsection (3) without the payment of royalty.
- (5) In this section—

*trust land* means land that is trust land for the benefit of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander inhabitants or for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander purposes under the *Land Act 1994*.

# 177 Obstruction, intimidation and assault

A person shall not assault or wilfully obstruct or intimidate, or attempt so to do, another in the discharge or exercise by that other of the other's functions, duties or powers under this Act.

# 178 General penalty for offence

A person who contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Act commits an offence against this Act and, except where another penalty is expressly provided by this Act for that offence is liable to a penalty of 7 penalty units or to imprisonment for 6 months.

# 179 Making of local laws about particular matters

Without limiting the functions and powers of a community government, a community government may make local laws—

(a) not inconsistent with part 6,<sup>9</sup> for the purpose of regulating and controlling the possession or

<sup>9</sup> Part 6 (Control of possession and consumption of alcohol in community areas)

consumption of alcohol in its community government area; or

(b) conferring functions on the community justice group for its community government area.

## 180 Evidentiary aids

- (1) In proceedings to enforce a penalty for an offence against this Act—
  - (a) an averment in the complaint that a person named therein is part of the community that resides in a community government area shall be conclusive evidence thereof until the contrary is proved;
  - (b) it shall not be necessary to prove the appointment or signature of the chief executive or the authority of the complainant to lay the complaint;
  - (c) it shall not be necessary to prove the limits of a community government area.
- (2) Subsection (3) applies to a proceeding for an offence against section 103(1).<sup>10</sup>
- (3) A statement in the complaint for the offence that fluid was in a container of a type that usually holds alcohol is evidence that the fluid was alcohol.
- (4) Subsection (5) applies to a proceeding for an offence against section 103(1) or 112A(b), (c), or (d)
- (5) A certificate purporting to be signed by an analyst stating the results of an analysis of a fluid or other substance is, on its production, admissible as evidence of the results of the analysis.
- (6) A provision of this section does not limit another provision of the section or of this Act about evidence.

<sup>10</sup> Section 103 (Possession or consumption of alcohol in or on dry place)

(7) In this section—

*analyst* see the *Health Act 1937*, section 5(1).<sup>11</sup> *homemade alcohol* has the same meaning as in part 6.

## 180A Evidence of home-brew concentrate by label

- (1) This section applies if, in a proceeding for an offence against section 112A(b), it is relevant to prove that a substance in the possession of a person was home-brew concentrate.
- (2) In the absence of proof to the contrary, the substance is proved to be home-brew concentrate if—
  - (a) there is evidence that the container containing the substance had a label indicating the substance was home-brew concentrate; and
  - (b) a police officer gives evidence that the police officer believes the container contained home-brew concentrate; and
  - (c) the court considers the belief mentioned in paragraph (b) to be reasonably held.
- (3) In this section—

*home-brew concentrate* has the same meaning as in part 6.

*label*, in relation to a container, includes any tag, statement in writing, representation or other descriptive matter on or attached to or used or displayed in connection with the container.

# 180B Evidence of homemade alcohol having regard to belief of police officer

(1) This section applies if, in a proceeding for an offence against section 112A (c) or (d), it is relevant to prove that a substance possessed or supplied by a person was homemade alcohol.

<sup>11</sup> Health Act 1937, section 5(1)—

*analyst*, other than for a relevant provision or part 4A, means a person appointed under section 27 as a State analyst or a person holding accreditation of a kind prescribed under a regulation.

- (2) In the absence of proof to the contrary, the substance is proved to be homemade alcohol if—
  - (a) there is evidence by a police officer that the police officer believed the substance was homemade alcohol; and
  - (b) the court considers the belief mentioned in paragraph (a) to be reasonably held by the police officer.
- (3) For subsection (2)(a) it is sufficient for the police officer to believe—
  - (a) that the substance was alcohol by having regard to the conditions in which it was found or its odour; and
  - (b) that the alcohol was homemade by having regard to either or both of the following—
    - (i) its odour, or appearance, as compared to that of alcohol usually commercially available in Queensland;
    - (ii) if the alcohol was in a container, that the police officer considers that the container was not of a type in which alcohol was usually commercially available to the public in Queensland.
- (4) For subsection (2)(b), a court may consider a belief formed as mentioned in subsection (3) to be reasonably held.
- (5) Subsection (3) does not limit the matters that may form the basis for a police officer's belief mentioned in subsection (2)(a) or the basis for a court to consider the police officer's belief to be reasonably held.
- (6) In this section—

*homemade alcohol* has the same meaning as in part 6.

# 181 Approved forms

The chief executive may approve forms for use under this Act.

## 182 Regulation-making power

- (1) The Governor in Council may make regulations under this Act.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), a regulation may be made about the following—
  - (a) the functions, duties and powers of the chief executive and officers of the department, and the manner of discharging or exercising those functions, duties and powers; and
  - (n) the composition of Aboriginal police forces and conditions of service of Aboriginal police officers; and
  - (o) the granting of aid to Aborigines; and
  - (p) the conditions on which aid may be granted; and
  - (q) the obligations of persons to whom aid is granted; and
  - (t) the business and conduct of meetings of community justice groups, including, for example, about the following—
    - (i) the times and places of meetings;
    - (ii) the quorum for meetings;
    - (iii) the presiding member at meetings;
    - (iv) the disclosure of a member's interest before meetings; and
  - (u) the venue and regularity thereof; and
  - (v) the access thereto of members of the community of Aborigines resident in the community government area of a community government; and
  - (w) the establishment, maintenance, management and control of such trust funds and accounts as are necessary or desirable for the care of moneys of Aborigines deposited with the chief executive or for the administration of Aborigines' estates or for the disposal of unclaimed money; and
  - (x) the establishment, maintenance, management and control of funds to indemnify Aborigines against loss of

or damages to vessels, equipment or machinery, and to compensate Aborigines and their dependants for death or personal injury sustained by a person in the course of the person's employment if compensation is not payable under the *Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003*; and

- (y) the basis on which such indemnity or compensation is payable; and
- (z) the maintenance and application of the Aborigines Welfare Fund maintained by the corporation; and
- (zg) the procedure to be adopted in relation to any application to be made under this Act; and
- (zh) the fees to be paid for the purposes of this Act and the purposes for which they are to be paid; and
- (zi) penalties for breaches of the regulations not exceeding in any case \$200.

# Part 13 Transitional provisions for Local Government (Community Government Areas) Act 2004

# Division 1 Preliminary

### 183 Definition for pt 13

In this part—

commencement means commencement of this section.

# Division 2 Transitional provision for process for making by-laws or subordinate by-laws

### 184 Making by-law or subordinate by-law

- (1) This section applies if—
  - (a) before the commencement, an Aboriginal council had under repealed part 7 started the process of making a by-law or subordinate by-law under that part; and
  - (b) immediately before the commencement, the process for making the by-law or subordinate by-law had not finished.
- (2) Despite the repeal of repealed part 7, that part and any other provisions necessary for the operation of that part continue to apply to the making of the by-law or subordinate by-law as if that part had not been repealed.
- (3) In this section—

*Aboriginal council* means an Aboriginal council under this Act in existence immediately before the commencement.

*repealed part 7* means part 7 of this Act as in force before its repeal by the *Local Government (Community Government Areas) Act 2004.* 

# Division 3 Transitional provisions for Aboriginal Coordinating Council

## 185 Definitions for div 3

In this division—

*ACC* means the Aboriginal Coordinating Council established under repealed part 8.

*repealed part 8* means part 8 of this Act as in force before its repeal by the *Local Government (Community Government Areas) Act 2004.* 

## 186 ACC dissolved

ACC is dissolved and its members go out of office.

## 186A References to ACC

A reference in an Act or document to ACC may, if the context permits, be taken as a reference to the State.

### **186B** Agreements and proceedings

- (1) An agreement, in force immediately before the commencement, between ACC and another entity is taken to be an agreement between the State and the entity.
- (2) A proceeding that could have been started or continued by or against ACC before the commencement may be started or continued by or against the State.

## 186C Assets and liabilities

On the commencement, an asset or liability of ACC immediately before the commencement becomes an asset or liability of the State.

# Part 15 Validating provisions

## 188 Validation of declaration of council areas

(1) It is declared that the *Community Services (Aborigines) Regulation 1998*, section 64A and schedule 1A<sup>12</sup> as in force from time to time before the commencement of this section are, and always were, under their terms effective as a valid declaration of the parts of the State mentioned in column 1 of

<sup>12</sup> *Community Services (Aborigines) Regulation 1998*, section 64A (Declaration of council areas—Act, s 39) and schedule 1A (Declaration of council areas)

that schedule to be the council areas mentioned in column 2 of that schedule.

- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), it is immaterial that a part of the State concerned was or is included in a local government area under the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- (3) A reference in that schedule to a deed of grant is, and always was, a reference to the deed as originally issued.
- (4) This section applies for all purposes.

# Part 16 Provision for reprinting Act

### 189 Numbering and renumbering of Act

In the next reprint of this Act produced under the *Reprints Act* 1992, the provisions of this Act must be numbered and renumbered as permitted by the *Reprints Act* 1992, section 43.

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This is the reprint date mentioned in the Reprints Act 1992, section 5(c). Accordingly, this reprint includes all amendments that commenced operation on or before 1 January 2005. Future amendments of the Aboriginal Communities (Justice and Land Matters) Act 1984 may be made in accordance with this reprint under the Reprints Act 1992, section 49.

# 3 Key

Key to abbreviations in list of legislation and annotations

	=	Acts Interpretation Act 1954			
amdt       =         ch       =         def       =         div       =         gaz       =         hdg       =         lap       =         notfd       =         orig       =         p       =		amended amendment chapter definition division expires/expired gazette heading inserted lapsed notified order in council omitted original page paragraph	(prev) proc prov pt pubd R[X] RA reloc renum rep (retro) rv s sch sdiv SIA SIR		previously proclamation provision part published Reprint No.[X] Reprints Act 1992 relocated renumbered repealed retrospectively revised edition section schedule subdivision Statutory Instruments Act 1992 Statutory Instruments Regulation 2002
pres =	= = =	preceding present previous	SL sub unnum	= = =	subordinate legislation substituted unnumbered

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