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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

THE SENATE

(Presented pursuant to leave granted and read 1°, 2 December 1985)

(SENATOR KILGARIFF)

ABILL

FOR

An Act to amend the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976

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

Short title, &c.

- 1.(1) This Act may be cited as the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Act (No. 2) 1985.
- (2) The Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory)
 Act 1976 is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

Commencement

- 2.(1) Subject to sub-section (2), this Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.
- (2) Sub-section 3(2) and sections 11 and 12 shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.

Interpretation

- 3(1). Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended -
- (a) by omitting "or" (last occurring) from paragraph(a) of the definition of "Crown Land" in sub-section (1);

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- (b) by inserting after paragraph (a) of the definition of "Crown Land" in sub-section (1) the following paragraphs:
- "(aa) land that at any time before or after the commencement of section (1) of the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Act (No. 2) 1985 was or is land declared, reserved, dedicated or set aside by, under or in pursuance of a law in force in the Northern Territory (including the common law) -
 - (i) for use as a stock route or for travelling stock;

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- (ii) for a road;
- (iii) for a park or reserve;
- (iv) for historical purposes; or
 - (v) for any other public purpose,

other than land so declared, reserved, dedicated or set aside after that commencement which, by proclamation, is declared to be Crown Land;

- "(ab) land described in Schedule 5; or";
 - (c) by inserting after the definition of "Crown Land" in sub-section (1) the following definition:
 - "'Crown Lands Act' means the law of the Northern
 Territory known as the Crown Lands Act as in
 force from time to time;"; and

- (d) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:
- "(7) For the purposes of paragraph (aa) of definition of 'Crown Land' in sub-section (1) Governor-General may, by proclamation, declare any land declared, reserved, dedicated or set aside by, under or in pursuance of a law in force in the Northern Territory after the commencement of section (1) of the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Act (No. 2) 1985 to be Crown Land and on his so doing this Act shall apply to and in relation to that land accordingly.".
- (2) Section 3 of the Principal Act is further amended -
 - (a) by inserting after the definition of "grant" in sub-section (1) the following definition:
 - "'guarantee agreement' means an agreement entered into in pursuance of sub-section 66A(1);"; and
 - (b) by inserting after the definition of "mission" in sub-section (1) the following definition:
 - "'perpetual pastoral lease' has the same meaning as in the Crown Lands Act:".

Payments to Land Council by the Crown in respect of interests in Aboriginal land

- 4. Section 16 of the Principal Act is amended -
- by omitting "(including a mining interest)" and substituting "(other than a mining interest)"; and
- (b) by omitting ", not being payments in the nature of royalties in respect of a mining interest".

Occupation or use of land in Ranger Project Area

- 5. Section 18A of the Principal Act is amended -
- (a) by omitting paragraph (1)(a) and substituting the following paragraph:
- "(a) the person is entitled to continue that soccupation or use during the period commencing on that vesting and ending on the granting of an authority under the Atomic Energy Act 1953 with respect to the vested land; and"; and
- (b) by omitting from paragraph (1)(b) "referred to 10 in sub-paragraph (a)(ii)" and substituting "referred to in that paragraph".

Functions of Land Council

- 6. Section 23 of the Principal Act is amended -
- (a) by inserting after paragraph (1)(b) the 15 following paragraphs:
- "(ba) to assist Aboriginals in connection with the obtaining, under a law of the Northern Territory, of a grant of an estate in fee simple in or a lease of land in the area of the Land 20 Council for the benefit of those Aboriginals, in particular, by arranging for legal assistance for them at the expense of the Land Council;
- "(bb) to protect the interests of persons for whose benefit land in the area of the Land Council 25 granted under a law of the Northern Territory is held and the trustees of that land;
- "(bc) to promote the participation of Aboriginals in, and to protect the interests of Aboriginals in

connection with, the management of each area of land in the area of the Land Council that is land to which paragraph (bb) refers;";

- (b) by inserting after sub-section (2) the following sub-section:
- "(2A) Nothing in sub-section (1) shall be taken, by implication, to limit the generality of the matters in relation to which, under sub-section (2), functions may be conferred on a Land Council by a law of the Northern Territory.";
 - (c) by omitting from sub-section (3) "In carrying out its functions" and substituting "Subject to Part IV, in carrying out its functions"; and
 - (d) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:
- "(4) Nothing in sub-section (3) shall be construed as requiring the consent of the traditional Aboriginal owners to the grant of a mining interest in respect of Aboriginal land.".

Powers of Land Council

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7. Section 27 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (3) "\$50,000" and substituting "\$100,000".

Application of moneys of Land Council

8. Section 35 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (3) "an agreement made under section 43 or 44" and substituting "an agreement referred to in section 41".

Repeal of Part IV

9. Part IV of the Principal Act is repealed and the following Part is substituted:

"PART IV - MINING INTERESTS AND MINING OPERATIONS

Interpretation

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"40.(1) A reference in this Part to the warden's court is a reference to the warden's court established by the *Mining Act* of the Northern Territory at a place closest to the land to which the reference relates and includes a reference to the warden constituting that 10 court.

"(2) A reference in this Part to a mining interest includes, where the context so requires, a reference to the land to which the mining interest relates.

Grant of Mining Interests

- "41.(1) Subject to this Act and the Atomic Energy Act 1953, a mining interest in respect of Aboriginal land may be granted under a law of the Northern Territory relating to mining for minerals.
- "(2) A mining interest in respect of Aboriginal land shall not be granted unless the applicant for the mining interest has first entered into an agreement in writing with the Land Council in whose area the Aboriginal land is situated relating to -
 - (a) the compensation to be paid on the granting of ²⁵ the mining interest;
 - (b) the guidelines to be adopted after the granting of the mining interest in relation to the identification and protection of sacred sites; and

(c) the employment opportunities to be offered to Aboriginals in the operations to be conducted under the mining interest.

Agreement Provisions

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- "42.(1) An agreement referred to in section 41 -
- (a) shall make provision for the distribution of monies paid to the Land Council under the agreement to or for the benefit of such traditional Aboriginal owners as are specified in the agreement;
- (b) may make provision for the applicant for the mining interest to lodge with the Land Council a security in such form, for such amount and from such person as the Land Council thinks fit, to secure the applicant's compliance with the conditions referred to in section 47;
- (c) may make provision for a process of arbitration, in accordance with a law of the Northern Territory relating to commercial arbitration, to determine disputes relating to compliance with the conditions referred to in section 47 and failing such provision in the agreement, the parties to the agreement shall be deemed to have appointed a warden constituting the warden's court as the arbitrator under that law of the Northern Territory in respect of such disputes; and
- (d) may provide that where a condition referred to in section 47 requires the holder of the mining interest to do anything in relation to the mining interest and the holder does not, within the time provided in the condition, do that

thing, the Land Council or a person authorized by the Land Council may enter on the mining interest with such assistance as. and the Land Council or that whatever action. person, as the case may be, considers necessary for doing that thing, and the costs reasonably incurred by the Land Council or that person in so doing shall be a debt due and payable by the holder of the mining interest to the Land Council or that person, as the case may be, whether or not at the time that the thing was done by the Land Council or that person the mining interest had been cancelled, forfeited or surrendered or had expired.

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"(2) A condition referred to in paragraph (1)(d) shall not entitle the Land Council, or a person authorized by it, to take any action in pursuance of the condition until the grounds on which the Land Council claims to be entitled to take or authorize the taking of such action have been referred to arbitration under a condition referred to in paragraph (1)(c), the arbitrator has determined that the holder of the mining interest is required under the agreement to do the thing to which the matter relates and the further time (if any) determined by the arbitrator for the holder of the mining interest to do that thing has expired.

Aboriginal Consultation

"43.(1) In consulting with traditional Aboriginal owners in accordance with the requirements of sub-section 23(3) in relation to an application for a mining interest referred to in this Part, the Land Council shall ensure that the applicant is given an opportunity to present to the traditional Aboriginal owners for their consideration, in such reasonable form and manner as the applicant thinks fit, an explanation of the purposes for which the

mining interest is required and the operations to be conducted thereunder.

- "(2) Where a Land Council entering into an agreement referred to in section 41 fails to comply in all respects with sub-section 23(3) in relation to the Aboriginal land to which the agreement relates, that failure does not of itself invalidate the agreement.
- Where a Land Council, by reason of not being "(3) able identify all of the relevant traditional Aboriginal owners of land, is unable to comply with the requirements of sub-section 23(3) within 6 months after being notified in writing by the applicant for a mining interest of the applicant's wish to commence negotiations for an agreement referred to in section 41, the Land Council shall, in accordance with this Act and subject to section 45, negotiate for and enter into the agreement with the applicant and all monies subsequently paid under the agreement to the Land Council for the benefit of the traditional Aboriginal owners shall be held in trust for those traditional Aboriginal owners by the Land Council pending the identification of those traditional Aboriginal owners by it.

Determination of Compensation

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- "44.(1) The compensation to be paid under an agreement referred to in section 41 shall be limited to compensation -
 - (a) for the traditional Aboriginal owners being deprived of the use of the surface or part of the surface of the land;
 - (b) for damage to the surface of the land through exploration or mining activities conducted on the land;

- (c) for the traditional Aboriginal owners being deprived of the use of improvements on the land;
- (d) for the severance of the land from other land held in trust for or occupied by the traditional Aboriginal owners; and

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- (e) for all other damage to the land or improvements on the land arising out of operations to be conducted under the mining interest.
- "(2) In determining the amount of compensation to be paid under an agreement referred to in section 41, no 10 account shall be taken of minerals known or supposed to be on or under the land.

Arbitration on agreement

- "45.(1) Where a Land Council and the applicant for a mining interest in respect of Aboriginal land cannot agree on the terms and conditions of an agreement referred to in section 41 within 12 months after the applicant having notified the Land Council in writing of the applicant's wish to commence negotiations for such an agreement or within that time the Land Council refuses or fails to enter into such negotiations, either the Land Council or the applicant may refer the matter to the warden's court for its determination of the appropriate terms and conditions of the agreement.
- "(2) In determining the terms and conditions of the 25 agreement referred to in sub-section (1) the warden's court shall have regard only to the requirements of sections 41, 42 and 43 in relation to the terms and conditions to be agreed upon and shall determine as appropriate only those terms and conditions that, in its 30 opinion, should in the circumstances be acceptable to the Land Council and to the applicant and the determination

of the warden's court is binding on the Land Council and the applicant.

"(3) In determining a term or condition of an agreement referred to in section 41 requiring a security to be lodged by the applicant for the mining interest to secure the applicant's compliance with the conditions referred to in section 47, the warden's court shall take into account any security that the applicant may be required to lodge under a law of the Northern Territory relating to mining for minerals in respect of the mining interest and shall make its determination so that, as far as practicable, the applicant is not required to provide more than one security in respect of the same matter.

Applicant for mining interest not bound to proceed with application

"46. An agreement referred to in section 41 shall not be construed so as to compel the applicant for the mining interest to which the agreement relates to proceed with the application.

Implied conditions, &c., in grant

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- "47. In addition to the terms and conditions subject to which a mining interest in respect of Aboriginal land is granted, that mining interest shall be subject to the conditions that -
- 25 (a) the holder of the mining interest or his employees, servants or agents shall not unlawfully interfere with any historical site or object, or any Aboriginal sacred site or object, declared as such by or under a law of the Northern Territory;

- (b) the holder of the mining interest shall keep to a minimum the number of people associated with the exploration or development on the land to which the mining interest relates;
- (c) except for the purposes of consumption by its 5 employees, servants, agents, contractors or sub-contractors at its camps, the holder of the mining interest shall not bring or permit to be brought onto the mining interest any alcohol;
- (d) the holder of the mining interest shall not 10 bring or permit to be brought onto the mining interest firearms of any kind or, except with the prior consent of the Land Council, any animal;
- (e) the holder of the mining interest shall at all times give full consideration to the aspirations 15 and welfare of the local Aboriginals and co-operate with the traditional Aboriginal owners and not interfere with the growth and development of the Aboriginal social, cultural and economic structures on the mining interest; 20
- (f) the holder of the mining interest shall employ and engage, and shall ensure that its agents, contractors and sub-contractors employ engage, as many Aborigines or Incorporated Aboriginal Associations or groups associated 25 with the mining interest as is practicable who are capable of carrying out, or being trained (including by on-the-job training) to carry out, in a satisfactory manner, the particular work required to be carried out in relation to the 30 mining interest at the usual award rates for the type of work performed and subject to the usual conditions of employment;

(g) the holder of the mining interest shall take all reasonable steps to adjust working hours and conditions of Aboriginal employees to suit Aboriginal culture or the reasonable requirements of their Incorporated Aboriginal Association or group;

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- (h) the holder of the mining interest shall progressively rehabilitate and restore, as far as practicable, all areas disturbed by its activities in accordance with good environmental practice;
- (j) the holder of the mining interest shall liaise with the Land Council on the exploration or development programs in relation to the mining interest and discuss the possible relocation of proposed works and details of the program as it develops;
- (k) the holder of the mining interest shall, before carrying out a program involving substantial disturbance of the surface of the interest, advise the relevant Northern Territory authority and the Land Council, in writing, of that program and comply with such directions as relevant Northern Territory authority considers appropriate for the protection of the environment in the carrying out of the program;
- (1) the holder of the mining interest shall advise the relevant Northern Territory authority and the Land Council, in writing, of the proposed location of all infrastructure facilities on the mining interest and the proposed method to be used in disposing of waste, and comply with such directions as the relevant Northern Territory authority considers appropriate in relation to the disposal of that waste;

(m) the holder of the mining interest shall not erect a permanent building or facility on the mining interest except with the approval in writing of the relevant Northern Territory authority; and

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(n) the holder of the mining interest shall comply with the terms and conditions of the agreement referred to in section 41 in relation to the mining interest.

Access to Aboriginal land

"48. Notwithstanding sections 68 and 70, where a person has the right under a law of the Northern Territory to occupy Aboriginal land by virtue of the grant of a mining interest, that person has for himself, his employees and his agents, a right of access from a public road to that land and across other parts of the Aboriginal land of which the mining interest is part and any contiguous Aboriginal land, by the shortest practicable route, being a route agreed upon by the person and the

Land Council for the area in which the land is situated.

Right of way in respect of services, &c.

- "49.(1) The grant of a mining interest entitles the holder of the mining interest to a right of way over Aboriginal land for all reasonable ancillary purposes in connection with the operations to be conducted under the mining interest.
- "(2) For the purposes of sub-section (1), a right of way extends to access for or in connection with -
 - (a) the erection and use of conveyor apparatus in connection with the transporting of minerals or substances containing minerals;

- (b) the erection of electricity lines;
- (c) the construction of roads;
- (d) the cutting and construction of water races or drains; and
- (e) the boring, sinking for, pumping, raising of or conveying of water.
- "(3) Where the holder of a mining interest is entitled under sub-section (1) to a right of way, that right of way may be exercised by a route agreed to by the holder of the mining interest and the Land Council for the area in which the mining interest is situated.
- "(4) Where a Land Council and the holder of a mining interest cannot agree on the route by which a right of way under sub-section (1) may be exercised, the matter may be referred by the Land Council or the holder of the mining interest to the warden's court for determination and the decision of the warden's court in relation to that matter is binding.
- "(5) Compensation shall be payable by the holder of the mining interest to the Land Council for the benefit of the relevant traditional Aboriginal owners in respect of a right of way under sub-section (1).
- "(6) The compensation to be paid under subsection (5) shall be determined on the same basis as under section 44 in respect of the grant of a mining interest.

"(7) Where an amount of compensation payable under sub-section (5) cannot be agreed upon between the Land Council and the holder of the mining interest, the Land Council or the holder of the mining interest may refer the matter to the warden's court for determination and the decision of the warden's court in relation to that matter is binding.

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"(8) A right of way under sub-section (1) shall not be exercised until compensation has been paid in accordance with this section.

Jurisdiction and supervision of warden's court

"49A. Where by or under this Part a power is conferred or a function imposed on the warden's court, the warden's court has the jurisdiction to exercise that power or perform that function as if it had been conferred or imposed on it by or under the *Mining Act* of the Northern Territory and an appeal shall lie to the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory from a decision or determination of the warden's court under this Part in the same manner as an appeal against a decision of the warden's court under that Act.".

Functions of Commissioner

- 10. Section 50 of the Principal Act is amended -
- (a) by omitting from paragraph (1)(a) all words before sub-paragraph (i) and substituting "on an application being made before 1 July 1986 to a Commissioner by or on behalf of Aboriginals claiming to have a traditional land claim to an area of unalienated Crown land -"; and
- (b) by omitting paragraphs (1)(b) and (c).

Transfer of amounts from Trust Account to Consolidated Revenue Fund in certain circumstances

- 11. Section 64A of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (7)(a).
- 12. After section 66 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

Commonwealth guarantees of performance of provisions of perpetual pastoral leases

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- "66A.(1) Subject to this section, upon request being
 made in writing to the Minister by an Aboriginal who, or
 an Aboriginal corporation that, holds a term pastoral
 lease and wishes to surrender it in exchange for a
 perpetual pastoral lease, the Minister may, on behalf of
 the Commonwealth, enter into an agreement under seal with
 the appropriate Territory Minister, on behalf of the
 Northern Territory, with respect to the guaranteeing by
 the Commonwealth of the performance by that Aboriginal or
 that Aboriginal corporation of the provisions of that
 perpetual pastoral lease.
- 20 "(2) Before entering into a guarantee agreement in relation to a perpetual pastoral lease, the Minister shall -
 - (a) by notice in writing served on the Land Council for the area in which the land the subject of the lease is situated, (in this sub-section referred to as the 'relevant Land Council') and the appropriate Territory Minister -
 - (i) inform the relevant Land Council and the appropriate Territory Minister of the particulars of the request made to the Minister in relation to that lease; and

- (ii) request the relevant Land Council and the appropriate Territory Minister to furnish to the Minister, within such period as the Minister specifies in the notice, information relevant to the entering into of that agreement; and
- (b) have regard to all matters that the Minister considers relevant including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any information furnished to the Minister by the 10 relevant Land Council and by the appropriate Territory Minister in response to the Minister's request.

but a failure by the Minister to comply with paragraph (a) or (b) does not affect the validity of the guarantee 15 agreement.

"(3) The Minister shall not enter into a guarantee agreement in relation to a perpetual pastoral lease unless the Aboriginal who, or the Aboriginal corporation that, made the request under sub-section (1) has entered into an agreement with the Minister, on behalf of the Commonwealth, in relation to the indemnification of the Commonwealth for any liability that the Commonwealth may incur under the guarantee agreement.

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"(4) Where a guarantee agreement with respect to performance by an Aboriginal or an Aboriginal corporation of the provisions of a perpetual pastoral lease then. is in force. notwithstanding contained in a law of the Northern Territory, no action or proceeding, either civil or criminal, shall lie under 30 a law of the Northern Territory against that Aboriginal or Aboriginal corporation, as the case may be, for, and by reason only of, a failure to perform a provision of that lease but the guarantee agreement shall be taken,

for all purposes, to be as valid and effectual as it would have been if this sub-section had not been enacted.

- "(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act 1976, the interest of an Aboriginal corporation that holds a perpetual pastoral lease of land the subject of the lease shall be taken, for all purposes in connection with the execution of a judgment of a court given in proceedings instituted against that Aboriginal corporation for the enforcement of an agreement to indemnify the Commonwealth entered into in pursuance of sub-section (4), to be a disposable interest in that land for the purposes of that Act.
 - "(6) In this section -

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- 'Aboriginal corporation' means -
 - (a) an Incorporated Aboriginal Association; or
 - (b) a body corporate, all the members of which are Aboriginals;
 - 'appropriate Territory Minister' means the person holding Ministerial office under section 36 of the Northern Territory (Self-Government) Act 1978 who is responsible for the administration of the Crown Lands Act;
- 'term pastoral lease' means a pastoral lease under the Crown Lands Act other than a perpetual pastoral lease.".

13. Section 67 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Aboriginal land not to be resumed, &c.

- "67.(1) Subject to sub-section (2), Aboriginal land shall not be resumed, compulsorily acquired or forfeited under a law of the Northern Territory.
- "(2) The Northern Territory may acquire by agreement or by compulsory acquisition under a law of the Northern Territory, Aboriginal land, or an easement over or other interest in Aboriginal land, for the purpose of -
 - (a) a road;
 - (b) the supply by the Territory or another person of electricity, water, petroleum products or gas or a sewerage or drainage, or an electrical or other communication, service to or across 15 Aboriginal land; or
 - (c) the provision of, or in connection with the provision of, health, education or other government services on Aboriginal land.".

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Roads over Aboriginal land

- 14. Section 68 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (4)(a) and substituting the following paragraph:
 - "(a) is for the purpose for which an easement over the land was acquired in pursuance of sub- 25 section 67(2);".

15. Section 75 of the Principal Act is repealed.

Regulations

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- 16. Section 78 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sub-sections:
- "(2) The Governor-General may make regulations amending Schedule 5 by inserting further descriptions of areas of land in that Schedule.
- "(3) Nothing in paragraph (aa) of the definition of 'Crown Land' in sub-section 3(1) shall be taken, by implication, to limit the generality of regulations that may be made for the purposes of sub-section (2) of this section.".

Addition of new Schedules

17. After Schedule 4 to the Principal Act Schedule 5 set out in the Schedule to this Act is added.

Application of section 15AB of Acts Interpretation Act

18. For the purposes of the application of section 15AB of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 to or in relation to this Act, "Minister", where used in that section, means the Senator who moved the motion that the Bill containing the provisions of this Act be read a second time in the Senate.

SCHEDULE

Section 17

"SCHEDULE 5

Section 3

PART A - COASTAL LAND, ISLANDS, &c.

All that parcel of land in the Northern Territory of Australia bounded by lines described as follows: Commencing at the northeastern corner of Pastoral Lease 793 (Woolner) thence generally westerly by the northern boundary of the said pastoral lease to the most easterly northeastern corner of Reserve No. 1584 as notified in Northern Territory Government Gazette No. 35 of 27 August 1976 thence generally northwesterly by the northeastern boundary of the said reserve to its most northern corner thence east to the low water mark of Chambers Bay thence generally easterly by the said low water mark to its intersection with the northerly prolongation of the eastern boundary of Pastoral Lease 793 (Woolner) thence southerly by the said prolongation to the point of commencement.

All that parcel of land in the Northern Territory of Australia bounded by lines described as follows: Commencing at a point on the boundary of Pastoral Lease 785 (Point Stuart) at the seaward extremity of the left bank of the Wildman River thence generally westerly by the northern boundary of the said pastoral lease and Pastoral Lease 786 (Point Stuart) to the northwestern corner of Pastoral Lease 786 (Point Stuart) thence northerly by the northerly prolongation of the western boundary of the said pastoral lease to the low water mark of Chambers Bay thence generally easterly by the low water mark of Chambers Bay and Finke Bay to its most western intersection with a straight line joining the seaward extremity of the left bank of the Wildman River with the seaward extremity of the right bank of the Wildman River thence southwesterly by part of the said straight line to the point of commencement.

All that parcel of land in the Northern Territory of Australia bounded by lines described as follows: Commencing at a point on the boundary of Pastoral Lease 689 (Finniss River) at the seaward extremity of the right bank of the Finniss River thence generally northerly by the western boundary of the said pastoral lease and generally easterly by part of the northern boundary of the said pastoral lease to the seaward extremity of the left bank of the Annie River thence easterly by part of a straight line joining the seaward extremity of the left bank of the Annie River with the seaward extremity of the right bank of the Annie River to the low water mark of the left bank of the Annie River thence generally westerly and generally southerly by the low water mark of Bynoe Harbour, Port Patterson and Fog Bay to its northernmost intersection with a straight line joining the seaward extremity of the right bank of the Finniss River with the seaward extremity of the left bank of the Finniss River thence northerly by part of the said straight line to the point of commencement but excluding therefrom those parts of Northern Territory Portions 2370 and 2371 above the aforesaid low water mark, Northern Territory Portion 2621 and all those parts of Dum In Mirrie Island, Beer Eetar Island, Grose Island, the unnamed island between Beer Eetar Island and Grose Island, Quail Island, Djajalbit Island, Bare Sandy Island and Turtle Island above the aforesaid low water mark.

All that parcel of land in the Northern Territory of Australia bounded by lines described as follows: Commencing at a point on the northern boundary of Pastoral Lease 689 (Finniss River) at the seaward extremity of the right bank of the Annie River thence generally northeasterly by part of the northern boundary of the said pastoral lease to the intersection of the sea coast of Bynoe Harbour and the left bank of the Charlotte River thence northwest by a line to its most southerly intersection with the low water mark of

Bynoe Harbour thence generally southwesterly by the said low water mark to its most easterly intersection with a straight line joining the seaward extremity of the right bank of the Annie River with the seaward extremity of the left bank of the Annie River thence easterly by part of the said straight line to the point of commencement.

All that parcel of land in the Northern Territory of Australia bounded by lines described as follows: Commencing at the southwestern corner of Pastoral Lease 858 (Stapleton) thence generally northwesterly by the western boundary of th said pastoral lease to the northwestern corner of the said pastoral lease thence westerly by the westerly prolongation of the westernmost northern boundary of the said pastoral lease to the low water mark of the Timor Sea thence generally southeasterly by the said low water mark to its northernmost intersection with a straight line joining th southwestern corner of Pastoral Lease 858 (Stapleton) to the seaward extremity of the left bank of the Daly River thence northerly by part of the said straight line to the point of commencement but excluding therefrom that part of Northern Territory Portion 2278 between the low water mark and the high water mark of the Timor Sea.

All that parcel of land in the Northern Territory of Australia bounded by lines described as follows: Commencing at the northwestern corner of Pastoral Lease 679 (Legune) thence generally southeasterly by part of the northern boundary of the said pastoral lease to the seaward extremity of the left bank of the Keep River thence northeasterly by part of a straight line joining the seaward extremity of the left bank of the Keep River with the seaward extremity of the right bank of the Keep River to the low water mark of the left bank of the Keep River to the low water mark of

northwesterly by the low water mark of Joseph Bonaparte Gulf to a point due north of the northwestern corner of Pastoral Lease 679 (Legune) thence south to the point of commencement.

All that parcel of land in the Northern Territory of Australia bounded by lines described as follows: Commencing at a point on the northern boundary of Pastoral Lease 679 (Legune) at the seaward extremity of the right bank of the Keep River thence generally easterly by part of the northern boundary of the said pastoral lease to the seaward extremity of the left bank of the Victoria River thence north easterly by part of a straight line joining the seaward extremity of the left bank of the Victoria River with the seaward extremity of the right bank of the Victoria River to the low water mark of the left bank of the Victoria River thence generally westerly by the low water mark of Joseph Bonaparte Gulf to its most eastern intersection with a straight line joining the seaward extremity of the right bank of the Keep River with the seaward extremity of the left bank of the Keep River thence northeasterly by part of the said straight line to the point of commencement.

All that parcel of land in the Northern Territory of Australia bounded by lines described as follows: Commencing at a point on the boundary of Pastoral Lease 597 (Coolibah) at the seaward extremity of the right bank of the Victoria River thence generally easterly by part of a northern boundary of the said pastoral lease to the seaward extremity of the left bank of the Fitzmaurice River thence northerly by part of a straight line joining the seaward extremity of the left bank of the Fitzmaurice River with the seaward extremity of the right bank of the Fitzmaurice River to the low water mark of the left bank of the Fitzmaurice River thence generally westerly by the low water mark of Joseph

Bonaparte Gulf to its most eastern intersection with a straight line joining the seaward extremity of the right bank of the Victoria River with the seaward extremity of the left bank of the Victoria River thence northeasterly by part of the said straight line to the point of commencement.

All that parcel of land in the Northern Territory of Australia bounded by lines described as follows: Commencing at a point on the boundary of Pastoral Lease 686 (Bing Bong) at the seaward extremity of the left bank of the McArthur River thence generally northwesterly by the northeastern boundaries of the said pastoral lease and Pastoral Leases 757 (Lorella) and 756 (Nathan River) to the seaward extremity of the right bank of the Limmen Bight River thence n rthwesterly by part of a straight line joining the seaward extremity of the right bank of the Limmen Bight River with the seaward extremity of the left bank of the Limmen Bight River to the low water mark of the right bank of the Limmen Bight River thence generally southeasterly by the low water mark of the Gulf of Carpentaria to its westernmost intersection with a straight line joining the seaward extremity of the left bank of the McArthur River with the seaward extremity of the right bank of the McArthur River thence northwesterly by part of the said straight line to the point of commencement.

All that parcel of land in the Northern Territory of Australia bounded by lines described as follows: Commencing at a point on the boundary of Pastoral Lease 684 (Greenbank) at the seaward extremity of the left bank of the Robinson River thence generally northwesterly by the northeastern boundaries of the said pastoral lease and Pastoral Lease 685 (Manangoora) to the seaward extremity of the right bank of the McArthur River thence northwesterly by part of a

straight line joining the seaward extremity of the right bank of the McArthur River with the seaward extremity of the left bank of the McArthur River to the low water mark of the right bank of the McArthur River thence generally southeasterly by the low water mark of the Gulf of Carpentaria to its most western intersection with a straight line joining the seaward extremity of the left bank of the Robinson River with the right bank of the Robinson River thence northwesterly by part of the said straight line to the point of commencement.

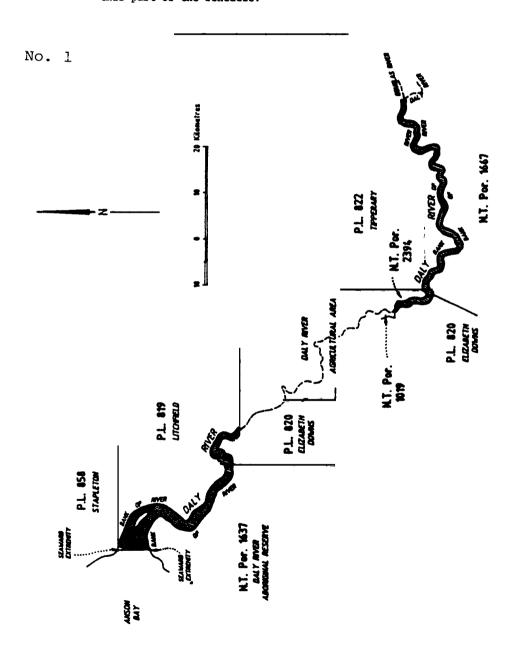
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All that parcel of land in the Northern Territory of Australia bounded by lines described as follows: Commencing at the most easterly northeastern corner of Pastoral Lease 618 (Wollogorang) thence generally northwesterly by the northeastern boundary of the said pastoral lease to the

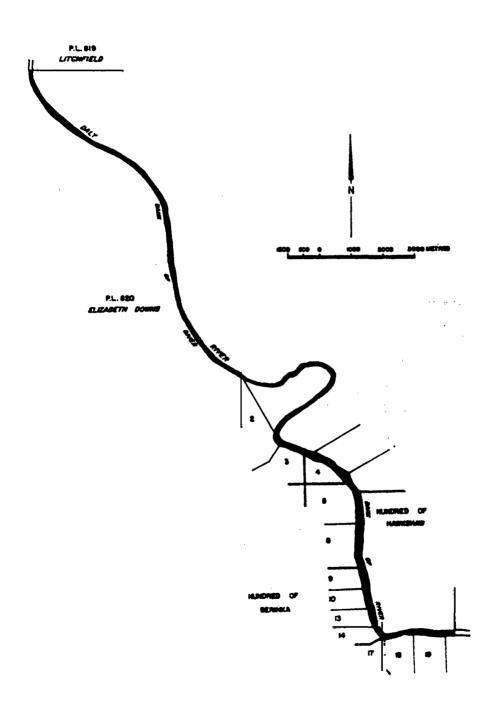
seaward extremity of the right bank of the Calvert River thence northwesterly by part of a straight line joining the seaward extremity of the right bank of the Calvert River with the seaward extremity of the left bank of the Calvert River to the low water mark of the right bank of the Calvert River thence generally southeasterly by the low water mark of the Gulf of Carpentaria to a point due north of the most easterly northeastern corner of Pastoral Lease 618 (Wollogorang) thence south to the point of commencement.

PART 8 - INLAND WATERS AND ADJACENT LAND

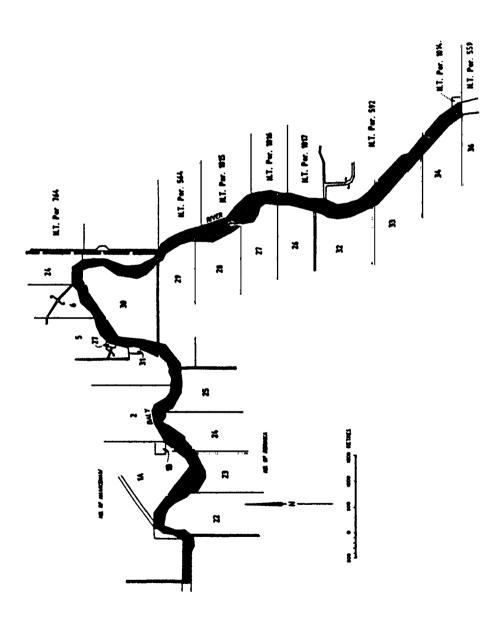
All the beds and banks of, and islands in, the rivers, streams and estuaries, and other adjacent lands, in the Northern Territory of Australia as shown hatched in the various plans numbered 1 to 21 inclusive in this part of the Schedule.



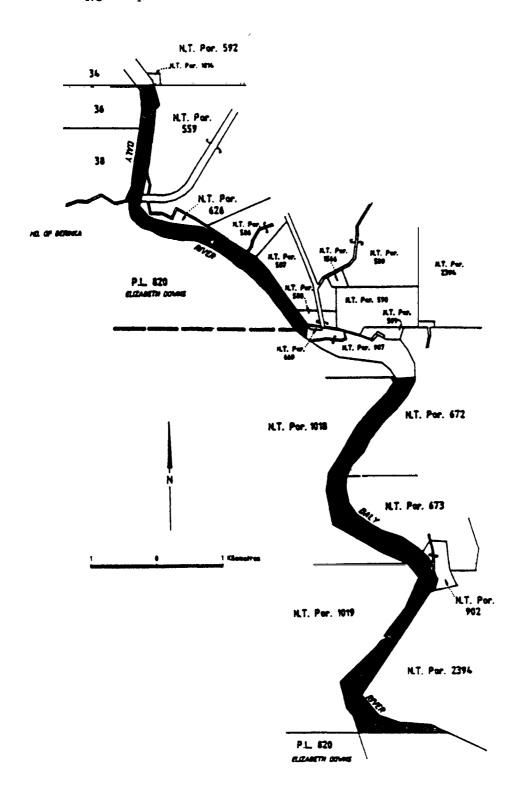
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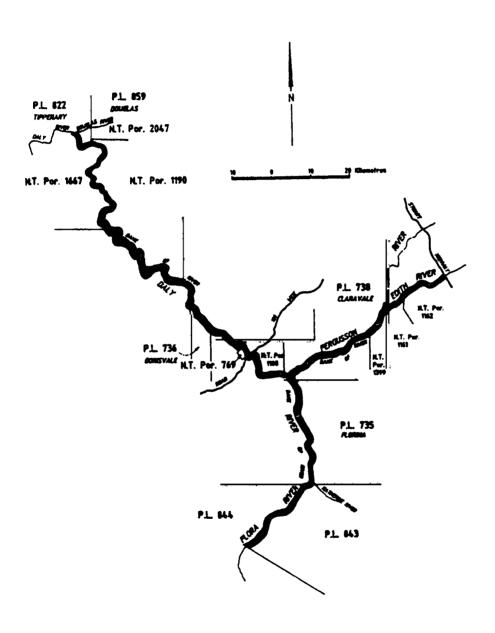


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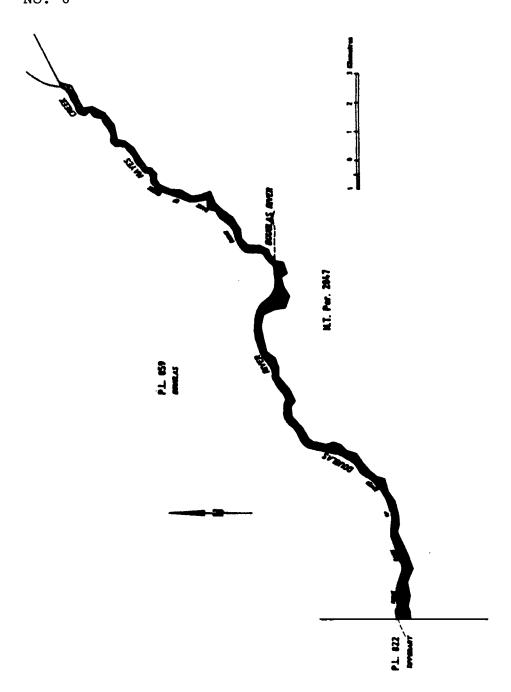


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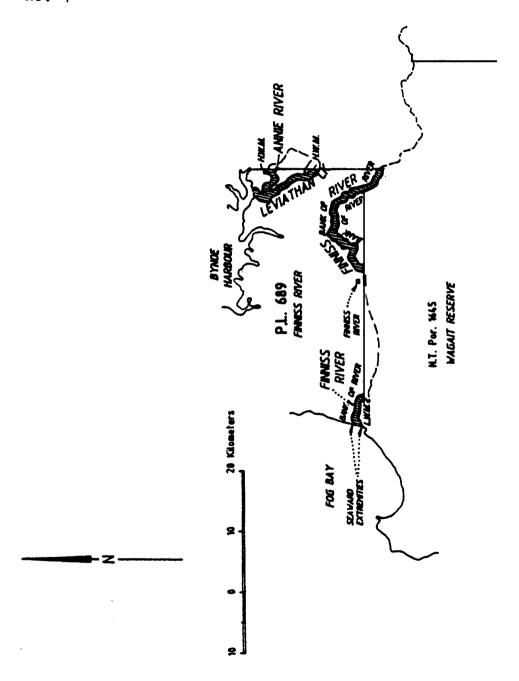




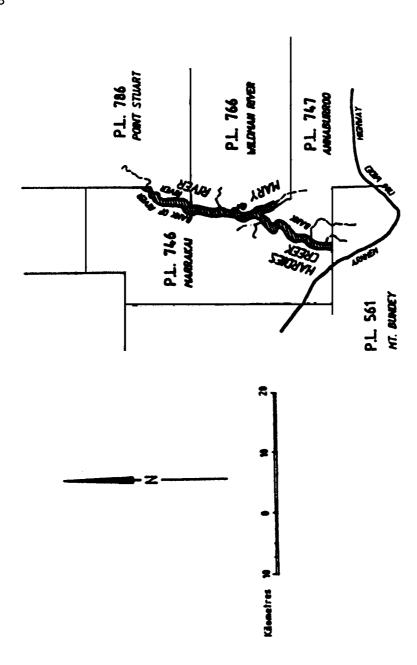
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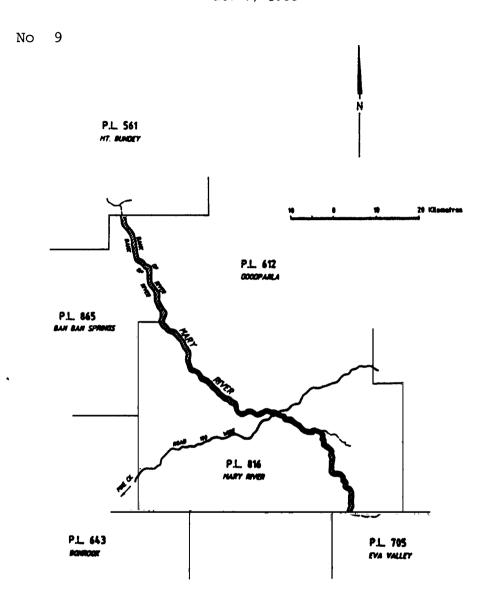


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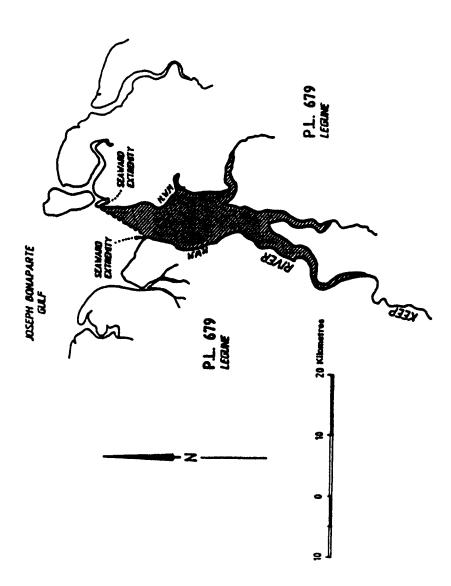


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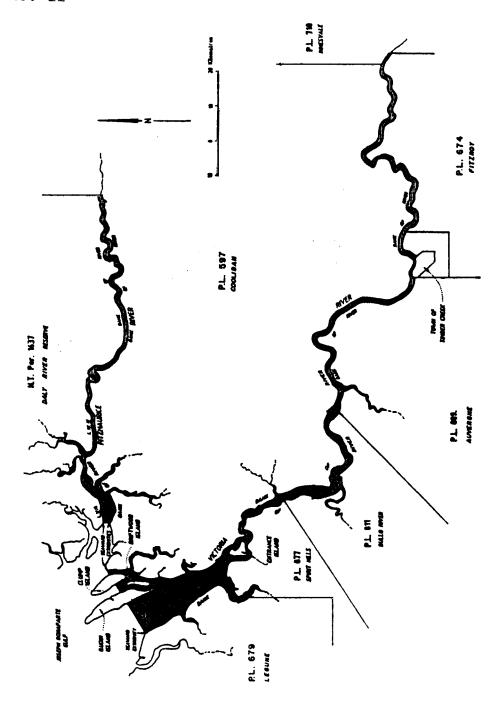




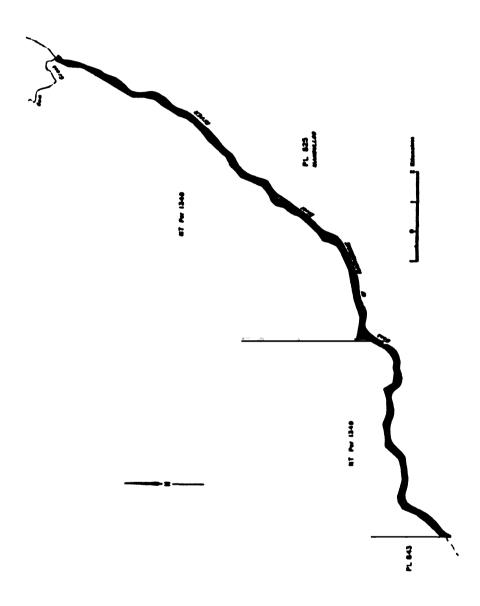
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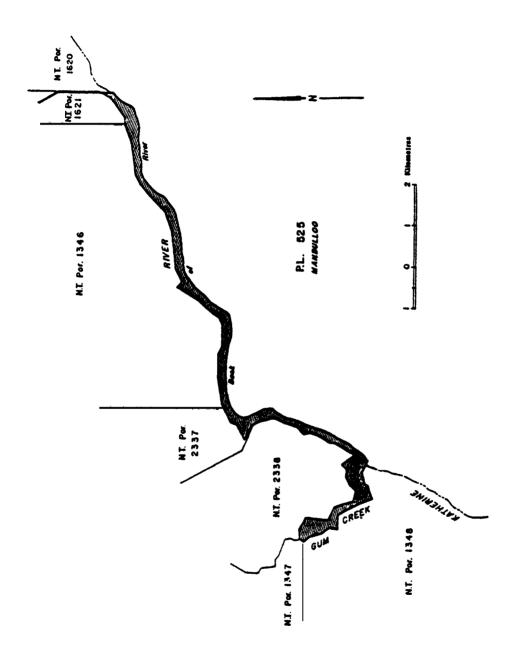
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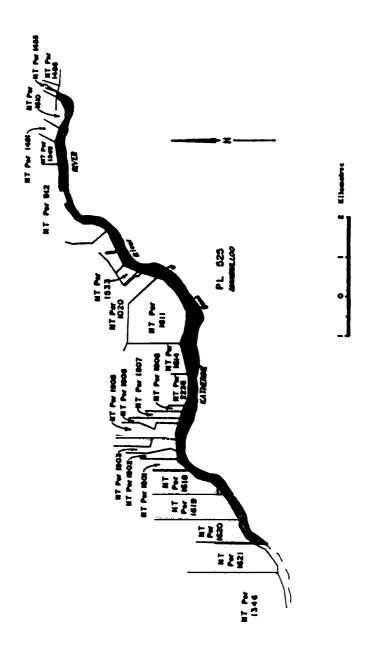
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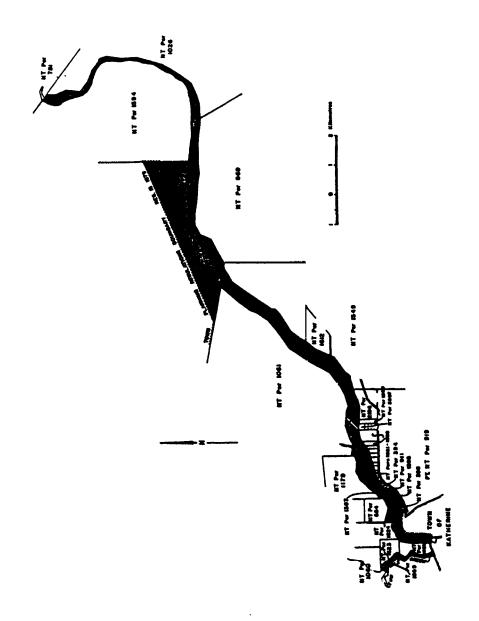
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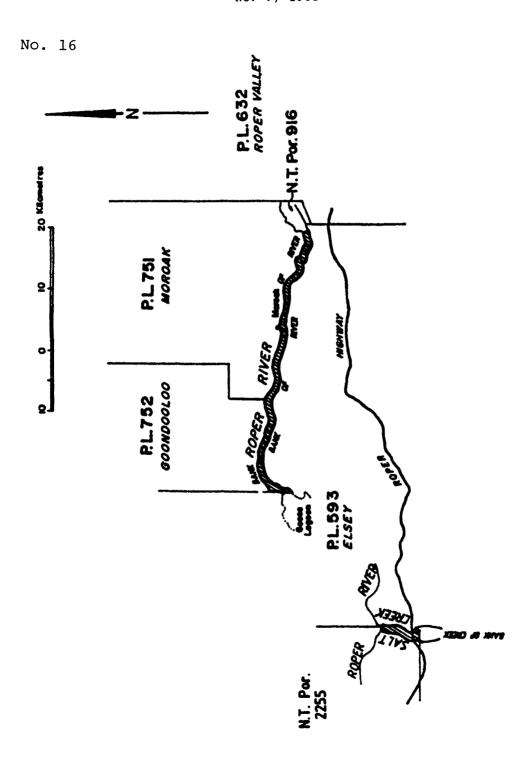


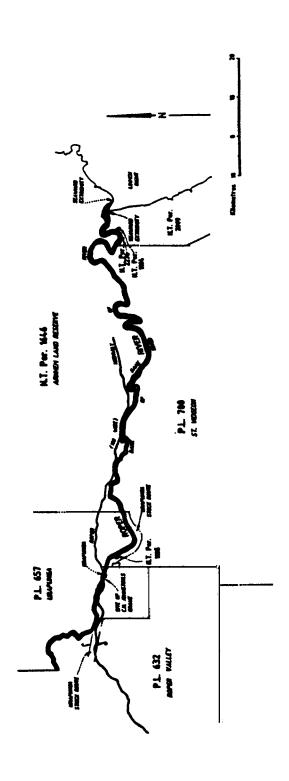
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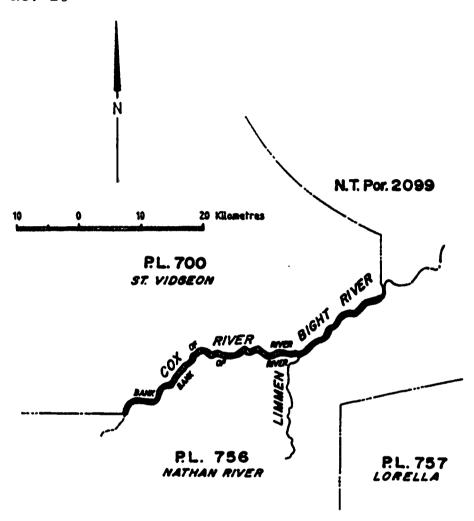
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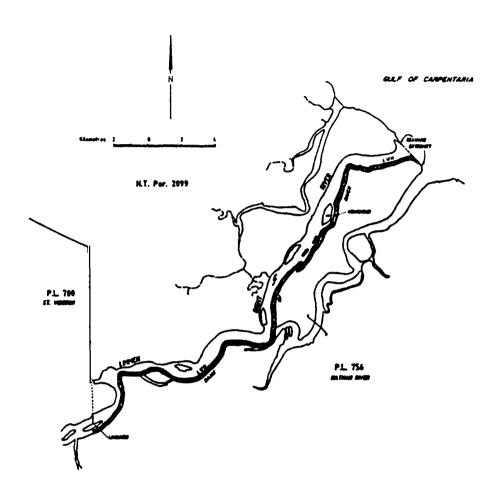




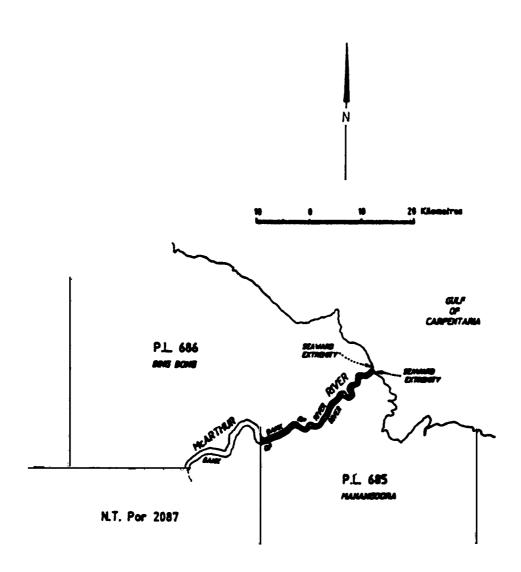
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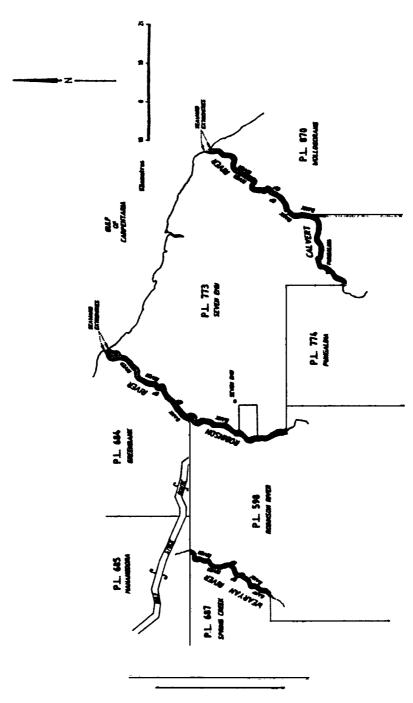
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