

PETROLEUM (PROSPECTING AND MINING) ORDINANCE 1977

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No. 35 of 1977

An Ordinance to amend the
Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) Ordinance and for
other purposes

[Assented to 29 July 1977]

BE it ordained by the Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory of Australia as follows:

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) Ordinance 1977*. Short title
2. The *Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) Ordinance* is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance. Principal Ordinance
3. This Ordinance shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice in the *Gazette*.* Commencement
4. Section 23(2) of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting paragraph (b) and substituting the following paragraph: Suspension of obligations under permit

“(b) order that, notwithstanding section 21(3)(e), the permit shall continue in force after the date that would otherwise be the expiry date of the permit for a period equal to the period of the suspension, but that that additional period shall not be taken into account, for the purpose of section 22(6), as being included in the term of the permit or of any extension.”.
5. Section 44(1)(a) of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting sub-paragraph (i) and substituting the following sub-paragraph: Preliminaries to issue of lease

“(i) was, at the time when the application was made, the holder of a permit which applied to land which included the land in respect of which the application was made;”.
- 6.(1) Permit Nos. 175 and 178 to prospect for petroleum are, and shall be deemed to have been, as valid and effectual as they would have been if, in relation to each permit— Validation of certain permits
 - (a) the amendments effected by this Ordinance had come into operation before the permittee of that permit first made an application under section 23(1) of the Principal Ordinance in respect of that permit;

* The date fixed was 12 August 1977 (see *Northern Territory Government Gazette* No. 32 of 12 August 1977, page 1240).

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- (b) each order made under section 23(2)(b) of the Principal Ordinance in respect of that permit had been duly made in accordance with the terms of the Principal Ordinance as so amended;
 - (c) on 13 December 1976 no part of the area of the permit as purportedly varied on that date had been the subject of any other licence or application for a lease under an Ordinance relating to the prospecting and mining for petroleum; and
 - (d) the purported variation of the area of the permit on 13 December 1976 had been effective.
- (2) Permit No. 177 to prospect for petroleum is, and shall be deemed to have been, as valid and effectual as it would have been, if—
- (a) the amendments effected by this Ordinance had come into operation before the permittee of that permit first made an application under section 23(1) of the Principal Ordinance in respect of that permit; and
 - (b) each order made under section 23(2)(b) of the Principal Ordinance in respect of that permit had been duly made in accordance with the terms of the Principal Ordinance as so amended.
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