

# AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION REPRESENTATION ORDINANCE 1974

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No. 58 of 1974

An Ordinance to provide for the  
continuing participation of delegates of the  
Legislative Council in the  
Australian Constitutional Convention

[Assented to 10 October 1974]

**B**E it ordained by the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory of Australia as follows:

**W**HEREAS the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory, recognizing the necessity for a review of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, agreed to join with the Parliaments of the Commonwealth and of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania in a Convention to carry out such a review;

**AND WHEREAS** by resolution made on 27 June 1973 the said Legislative Council resolved—

“That Mr R. C. Ward and Mr R. J. Withnall be appointed as delegates of this Council to attend the Constitutional Convention proposed to be held in Sydney in September 1973.

“That in the event of either delegate being unable to attend the Convention Mr President may appoint another elected member to be a delegate in his place.”;

**AND WHEREAS** on Monday 3 September 1973 Richard Charles Ward and Ronald John Withnall were accepted as delegates by the Australian Constitutional Convention;

**AND WHEREAS** the President of the Legislative Council on 5 September 1973 appointed Godfrey Alan Letts to be a delegate to attend the Convention in the place of either of the other delegates in the event of their being unable to attend;

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AND WHEREAS Godfrey Alan Letts was on Wednesday 5 September 1973 accepted by the Australian Constitutional Convention as a substitute delegate;

AND WHEREAS the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory will pursuant to the provisions of the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1974* cease to exist;

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained by the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory as follows:

Short Title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Australian Constitutional Convention Representation Ordinance 1974*.

Appointments  
pursuant to  
resolution  
to continue

2. Notwithstanding that the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory shall, pursuant to the provisions of the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1974*, on the day preceding the day of the first general election of members of the Legislative Assembly, cease to exist—

(a) the resolution of the Legislative Council made on 27 June 1973 appointing Richard Charles Ward and Ronald John Withnall to be delegates to the Australian Constitutional Convention; and

(b) the appointment of Godfrey Alan Letts by the President of the Legislative Council pursuant to the aforesaid resolution to be a substitute delegate to the Australian Constitutional Convention;

shall continue in force until such time as the Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory shall provide otherwise.

Powers of  
delegates not  
diminished

3. While the appointments referred to in section 2 continue in force the authority as delegates of the persons appointed to attend the Australian Constitutional Convention shall not be diminished notwithstanding that the persons appointed are no longer members of the Legislative Council and are not members of the Legislative Assembly.

Payment of  
expenses

4. While the appointments referred to in section 2 continue in force it shall be lawful for a person appointed pursuant to that resolution to be paid an allowance for and in respect of expenses necessarily or reasonably incurred by him in connection with or incidentally to his attendance at the Australian Constitutional Convention.