

No. 27 of 1973

An Ordinance to amend the *Crown Lands Ordinance* 1931 as amended

[Reserved 27 March, 1973]

[Assented to 24 May, 1973]*

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

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Crown Lands Ordinance* 1973. Short title

2. The *Crown Lands Ordinance* 1931 as amended is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance. Principal Ordinance

3. Section 25 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting the words "or agricultural" and inserting in their stead the words ", agricultural or miscellaneous". Postponement of rent

4. Section 25A of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting the words "or agricultural" and inserting in their stead the words ", agricultural or miscellaneous". Release of lessees in cases of hardship

5. Section 33A of the Principal Ordinance is amended— Rent under lease of town lands where subject land is not within municipality, &c.
 - (a) by omitting sub-section (1.) and inserting in its stead the following sub-section:—

“(1.) Subject to this Ordinance, the rent payable in respect of land held under a lease of towns lands, being land that is not situated within a municipality, is an amount calculated at the rate of five per cent per annum of the unimproved capital value of the land as determined from time time in accordance with this Ordinance.”; and
 - (b) by omitting from sub-section (2.) the words “or a miscellaneous lease”.

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6. After section 33A of the Principal Ordinance the following section is inserted:—

Rent under miscellaneous lease where subject land is not within municipality, &c.

“33B.—(1.) The Administrator shall not fix the rent payable in respect of land held under a miscellaneous lease, being land that is not situated within the Darwin Town Area or a municipality, at an amount that exceeds an amount calculated at the rate of five per cent per annum of the unimproved capital value of the land as determined from time to time in accordance with this Ordinance.

“(2.) Nothing in this section prevents the enforcement of any covenant by the lessee of a miscellaneous lease to pay additional rent where any amount of rent payable under the lease remains unpaid for such period as is specified in the lease.”.

Right to miscellaneous lease to be offered at auction

7. Section 72 of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

(a) by omitting from paragraph (a) of sub-section (3.) the word “and”; and

(b) by adding at the end of sub-section (3.) the following word and paragraph:—

“; and (c) the words ‘will be’, appearing in sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (f) of sub-section (5.), were ‘will not exceed’”.

Power to invite applications for miscellaneous leases

8. Section 73 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting from sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (f) of sub-section (1.) the words “will be” and inserting in their stead the words “will not exceed”.