

# NUDITY ORDINANCE 1975

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No. 22 of 1975

An Ordinance to permit nudity in certain areas

[Assented to 13 August 1975]

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

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Nudity Ordinance 1975*. Short title
  
2. In this Ordinance, "free area" means an area declared by regulations under this Ordinance to be an area where nudity is permitted. Definition
  
- 3.(1) The Regulations may declare that a secluded area is an area where nudity is permitted. Declaration of free areas
  
- (2) Before an area is declared to be an area where nudity is permitted, the Administrator in Council shall—
  - (a) give not less than 28 days notice, in the *Gazette* and in a newspaper circulating in the locality, of its intention to make a regulation so declaring that area;
  - (b) if the notice does not include a map indicating the proposed area, mark the boundaries of the proposed area on a map and display that map in a public place; and
  - (c) indicate the boundaries of the proposed area by signs displayed on or near these boundaries.
  
- (3) A notice given under sub-section (2) shall be repeated 3 times during the period of 28 days after it is first given and shall, on each occasion on which it is given—
  - (a) describe the area proposed to be declared;
  - (b) if a map indicating the proposed area has been displayed, specify the place where the map may be inspected; and

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(c) state that the boundaries of the proposed area have been indicated by signs displayed on or near those boundaries.

Approaches to  
free area

4. The Administrator shall cause the boundaries of, and the approaches to, a free area to be clearly marked with signs indicating that nudity is permitted within that area.

Nakedness in a  
free area

5. A person is not guilty of an offence against a law in force in the Northern Territory by reason only that he was nude in, or whilst swimming at, a free area.

Lewdness, etc.  
in a free area

6.(1) A person in, or in the waters or in the view of, a free area shall not behave in a manner that is sexually lewd or obscene.

Penalty: 500 dollars or imprisonment for 6 months.

(2) A person in, or in the waters or in the view of, a free area shall not behave in a manner or use language that is threatening, abusive, disorderly or sexually indecent.

Penalty: 200 dollars or imprisonment for one month.

Regulations

7. The Administrator in Council may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Ordinance, prescribing all matters required or permitted by this Ordinance to be prescribed, or necessary or convenient to be prescribed, for carrying out or giving effect to this Ordinance.