

NATIONAL PARKS AND GARDENS ORDINANCE 1966

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No. 6 of 1966

An Ordinance to amend the *National Parks and Gardens Ordinance 1959-1963*

[Assented to 23rd March, 1966.]

BE it ordained by the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory of Australia, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1965*, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Ordinance may be cited as the *National Parks and Gardens Ordinance 1966*. Short title
and citation

(2.) The *National Parks and Gardens Ordinance 1959-1963* is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

(3.) The Principal Ordinance, as amended by this Ordinance, may be cited as the *National Parks and Gardens Ordinance 1959-1966*.

2. Section 26 of the Principal Ordinance is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

“26.—(1.) The Auditor-General for the Commonwealth shall inspect and audit the accounts and records of the financial transactions and of other property, including trust moneys or property, of the Board and shall forthwith draw the Administrator’s attention to any irregularity revealed by the inspection and audit which, in the opinion of the Auditor-General, is of sufficient importance to justify his so doing. Audit

“(2.) The Auditor-General shall, at least once in each year, report to the Administrator the results of the inspection and audit carried out under the last preceding sub-section.

“(3.) The Auditor-General or a person authorized by him is entitled at all reasonable times to full and free access to all accounts, records, documents and papers of the Board relating directly or indirectly to the receipt or payment of moneys by the Board or to the acquisition, receipt, custody or disposal of assets by the Board.

“(4.) The Auditor-General or a person authorized by him may make copies of or take extracts from any such accounts, records, documents or papers.

“(5.) The Auditor-General or a person authorized by him may require a person being a member of the Board or an officer or employee of the Board to furnish him with such information in the possession of that person or to which that person has access as the Auditor-General or authorized person considers necessary for the purposes of an inspection or audit under this Ordinance, and that person shall comply with the requirement.”.

3. Section 27 of the Principal Ordinance is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead:—

Reports

“27.—(1.) The Board shall, not later than six months after each thirtieth day of June, furnish to the Administrator a report of its operations during the year ended on that date, together with financial statements in respect of that year in such form as the Administrator approves.

“(2.) Before furnishing the financial statements to the Administrator, the Board shall submit them to the Auditor-General for the Commonwealth, who shall report to the Administrator —

- (a) whether the statements are based on proper accounts and records;
- (b) whether the statements are in agreement with the accounts and records and show fairly the financial operations of the Board;
- (c) whether the receipt, expenditure and investment of moneys and the acquisition and disposal of assets by the Board during the year have been in accordance with this Ordinance; and
- (d) as to such other matters arising out of the statements as the Auditor-General considers should be reported to the Administrator.

“(3.) The Administrator shall lay the report and financial statements of the Board, together with the report of the Auditor-General, before the Legislative Council within ten sitting days of the Council after their receipt by the Administrator.”.
