

*Leases Validation Ordinance 1958.*

AND WHEREAS doubts have arisen as to whether the Minister may grant a valid lease, other than a lease of town lands, of lands set apart as town lands under the provisions of the *Crown Lands Ordinance 1931-1957* or of any law in force in the Northern Territory prior to the commencement of the *Crown Lands Ordinance 1931*:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to establish beyond doubt the validity as grants of leases of the documents so signed by the Minister:

BE it therefore ordained by the Legislative Council for the Northern Territory of Australia, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910-1956*, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Leases Validation Ordinance 1958*.\*

Validation of miscellaneous leases.

2. A document signed by the Minister before the date of commencement of this Ordinance and purporting to grant a miscellaneous lease of land included in lands set apart as town lands by a Proclamation referred to in the preamble to this Ordinance shall be deemed to be and at all times to have been as valid and effectual to grant a miscellaneous lease of the land described in the document as if the Minister had had power to grant a miscellaneous lease of that land at the time when he signed the document.

Validation of agricultural leases.

3. A document signed by the Minister before the date of commencement of this Ordinance and purporting to grant an agricultural lease of land included in lands set apart as town lands by a Proclamation referred to in the preamble to this Ordinance shall be deemed to be and at all times to have been as valid and effectual to grant an agricultural lease of the land described in the document as if the Minister had had power to grant an agricultural lease of that land at the time when he signed the document.

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\* See footnote on page 957.