



Principal Act      **2**—In this Act, the *Northern Casino Act 1978\** is referred to as the Principal Act.

Approval of agreement.      **3**—(1) The agreement, a copy of which is set out in Schedule 1 to the Principal Act (as inserted by section 6 of this Act) and referred to in that Schedule as “THE NORTHERN CASINO AGREEMENT”, is approved.

(2) The execution of the agreement referred to in subsection (1) by the Honourable HAROLD NORMAN HOLGATE for and on behalf of the State of Tasmania is ratified.

Amendment of section 2 of Principal Act (Interpretation).      **4**—Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following definition after the definition of “game” :—  
    “the Northern Casino agreement” means the agreement set out in Schedule 1;

Amendment of section 9 of Principal Act (Taxation).      **5**—(1) Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsections :—

(1) Where the Convention Centre Agreement referred to in clause 3 of the Northern Casino agreement is entered into as provided by the Wrest Point Casino agreement, the casino licensee shall, subject to subsection (1A) (b), pay to the Treasurer, as a tax on the gross profit derived in each month from gaming, a sum equivalent to 15 per cent of the amount of that gross profit.

(1A) Where—

(a) the Convention Centre Agreement referred to in clause 3 of the Northern Casino agreement is not entered into as provided by the Wrest Point Casino agreement; or

(b) the Convention Centre Agreement so referred to is entered into as provided by the Wrest Point Casino agreement but construction of the convention centre at Wrest Point in Tasmania, according to the terms of that Convention Centre Agreement, does not begin, or, if begun, does not continue,

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\* No. 81 of 1978.

the casino licensee shall pay to the Treasurer, as a tax on the gross profit derived in each month from gaming, a sum calculated at the same rate as that calculated for the time being under clause 6 or 7 of the Wrest Point Casino agreement, as the case may be.

(1B) In subsections (1) and (1A), "the Wrest Point Casino agreement" means the agreement dated 7th April 1981 made between the Treasurer and Australian National Hotels Limited.

(1C) A sum payable by way of tax under subsection (1) or (1A) shall be paid to the Treasurer on or before the seventh day of the month immediately following the month to which that tax relates.

(2) Section 9 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting "or (1A)" after "(1)".

(3) Section 9 (4) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting "or (1A)" after "(1)".

Insertion in  
Principal Act  
of new  
Schedule 1.

6—After section 18 of the Principal Act, the following Schedule is inserted:—

## SCHEDULE 1

## Section 2

### THE NORTHERN CASINO AGREEMENT

AN AGREEMENT made the 7th day of April 1981 BETWEEN THE HONOURABLE HAROLD NORMAN HOLGATE being and as the Minister for the time being of the State of Tasmania administering the Northern Casino Act 1978 (hereinafter called "the Minister" which expression shall include his successors in office) of the one part and TASMANIAN COUNTRY CLUB-CASINO PTY. LTD. a company incorporated in the State of Tasmania and having its registered office at No. 37 Watchorn Street, Launceston in that State (hereinafter called "the Company") of the other part WHEREAS by an agreement made the 4th day of April 1979 between the Minister of the one part and Tasmanian Country Club Pty. Ltd. of the other part the Company agreed with the Minister it would cause to be constructed a complex upon its premises in the Municipality of Westbury as more particularly described in the schedule to the agreement being a requirement under the Northern Casino Act 1978 to enable the Governor to grant to that Company a licence permitting the conduct and playing of authorised games within the meaning of that Act on the premises of that Company AND WHEREAS by a special resolution dated the 3rd day of May 1979 Tasmanian Country Club Pty. Ltd. changed its name to that of the Company AND WHEREAS the Minister has now agreed with the Company that for a period of 15 years the Company will have an exclusive licence in that area of Tasmania not covered by the licence issued under the Wrest Point Casino Licence and Development Act 1968 AND WHEREAS the Minister has further agreed in accordance with the provisions hereinafter contained to a reduction of the rate of the tax payable by the Company pursuant to Section 9 of the Northern Casino Act 1978 NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows:—

1. This Agreement shall come into effect when it is ratified and approved by the Parliament of the State of Tasmania.
2. So long as the casino licence issued by the Governor under Section 3 of the Northern Casino Act 1978 remains in force the Minister shall not for a period of 15 years from the date of the issue of the casino licence to the Company cause suffer or permit any person firm company corporation authority or entity other than the Company (or the holder for the time being of the casino licence granted to the Company) to be granted in relation to the Northern Region or the North Western Region of Tasmania within the meaning of Section 43 (2) of the Acts Interpretation Act 1931 or any part thereof a casino licence or other lawful authority to organise conduct or play any games the organising conducting or playing of which would otherwise be unlawful by reason of the provisions of the Racing and Gaming Act 1952 or any other statutory provision or rule of law.

3. Subject to Australian National Hotels Limited pursuant to an agreement of even date herewith between Australian National Hotels Limited and the Treasurer of the State of Tasmania (hereinafter referred to as "the Treasurer") entering into the Convention Centre Agreement therein defined by the 30th day of June 1981 or such subsequent date as the Treasurer may approve the rate of tax payable by the Company shall be 15 per cent with effect from the day such tax becomes payable.
4. Should the tax payable by Australian National Hotels Limited be increased by reason of the events referred to in Clauses 6 or 7 of such agreement with the Treasurer then the rate of tax payable by the Company may be increased in the same manner and for the same period if the Treasurer gives written notice thereof to the Company and upon such notice the Company shall thereafter pay tax accordingly at the increased rate.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first above written.

SIGNED by THE HONOURABLE HAROLD }  
 NORMAN HOLGATE in the presence of:— } HARRY HOLGATE  
 E. R. THORP

THE COMMON SEAL of TASMANIAN COUNTRY }  
 CLUB-CASINO PTY LTD was hereunto affixed by } (L.S.)  
 authority of the Directors in the presence of:— }

G. P. FARRELL, Director  
 B. CLARK, Secretary

