



Australian Capital Territory

# **Trespass on Territory Land Act 1932 No 20**

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## About this republication

### The republished law

This is a republication of the *Trespass on Territory Land Act 1932* (including any amendment made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 (Editorial changes)) as in force on 28 August 2002. It also includes any amendment, repeal or expiry affecting the republished law to 12 September 2001.

The legislation history and amendment history of the republished law are set out in endnotes 3 and 4.

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This republication includes amendments made under part 11.3 (see endnote 1).

### Uncommenced provisions and amendments

If a provision of the republished law has not commenced or is affected by an uncommenced amendment, the symbol **U** appears immediately before the provision heading. The text of the uncommenced provision or amendment appears only in the last endnote.

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### Penalties

The value of a penalty unit for an offence against this republished law at the republication date is—

- (a) if the person charged is an individual—\$100; or
- (b) if the person charged is a corporation—\$500.

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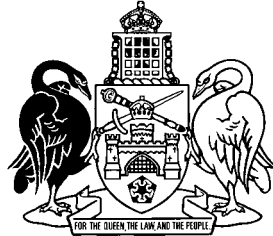
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# Trespass on Territory Land Act 1932

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An Act relating to trespass on Territory land

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## 1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Trespass on Territory Land Act 1932*.

## 3 Definitions for Act

In this Act:

*Note* A definition applies except so far as the contrary intention appears (see *Legislation Act 2001*, s 155).

**animal** means any horse, mare, gelding, colt, filly, foal, ass, mule, bull, cow, ox, heifer, steer, calf, ram, ewe, wether, sheep, lamb, goat or pig.

**city area**—see the *City Area Leases Act 1936* as in force on 1 April 1992.

**inspector** means an inspector under section 3A.

**road** means road within the meaning of the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999*, section 42 (Regulations about parking).

**road related area** means a road related area within the meaning of the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999*, section 42.

**vehicle**—see *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Act 1999*, dictionary.

### 3A Inspectors

- (1) There shall be 1 or more inspectors for this Act.
- (2) The chief executive shall create and maintain 1 or more offices in the public service the duties of which include exercising the functions of an inspector.
- (3) The following persons shall be inspectors:

- (a) any public servant for the time being performing the duties of a public service office referred to in subsection (2);
- (b) any police officer.

#### **4 Trespass on Territory land**

- (1) The Minister may cause to be placed on unleased Territory land or land occupied by the Territory a notice prohibiting trespass on the land.
- (2) A person who, without reasonable excuse, trespasses or enters—
  - (a) unleased Territory land or land occupied by the Territory—
    - (i) about which any notice is posted on it prohibiting trespass; or
    - (ii) that is in the city area and is delineated on any of the subdivisional plans held by the Territory, and has on it a dwelling house; or
  - (b) any garden, plantation or afforestation area on unleased Territory land or land occupied by the Territory;

commits an offence.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

#### **4A Animals straying etc on Commonwealth land**

- (1) The owner of any animal that is found straying, wandering, or at large on any road or on any unleased land belonging to the Commonwealth commits an offence.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

- (2) For this section the owner of an animal includes—
  - (a) any person who has the care, custody or control of the animal; and
  - (b) any person on whose premises the animal is kept or agisted.

**4B Grazing stock on Commonwealth land in city area**

Any person who turns loose, or suffers any animal belonging to him or her or under his or her charge to be tethered or depastured, on any road or unleased land belonging to the Commonwealth in the city area commits an offence.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

**5 Damage to fences**

Any person who without lawful excuse (proof of which shall lie on him or her) damages any fence commits an offence.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

**6 Leaving gates open**

A person who, without reasonable excuse, leaves open any gate—

- (a) on which the words ‘Shut gate—By order Minister’ or words to the like effect appear; or
- (b) that is adjacent to any unleased land belonging to the Commonwealth or any road, thereby permitting or causing any animal to trespass on the land or road;

commits an offence.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

**7 Damaging trees etc**

A person shall not, without reasonable excuse, damage or destroy trees, plant, garden, plantation or afforestation area on unleased Territory land or land occupied by the Territory.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

**8 Persons authorised to prevent trespassing etc**

An inspector other than a police officer or any person authorised in writing by the Minister may, if need be by force and with the assistance that he or she considers necessary—



- (a) prevent any person, animal or vehicle from trespassing or going on any land, garden, plantation or afforestation area referred to in section 4 (2) without lawful excuse; and
- (b) prevent any person from damaging or destroying any tree, plant, garden, plantation or afforestation area referred to in section 7; and
- (c) remove any person found so trespassing or going on any such land.

### **8A Camping etc on Territory land**

- (1) In this section:

*immobilised vehicle* means a vehicle that has been rendered incapable, whether or not by the removal of parts, of being moved as a vehicle.

*structure* includes a tent, booth, stall and an immobilised vehicle.

*unleased land* means—

- (a) unleased Territory land; or
- (b) land occupied by the Territory.

- (2) A person shall not—

- (a) camp, whether under cover or in the open, on unleased land; or
- (b) erect a structure on unleased land; or
- (c) occupy or be in a structure on unleased land, other than a structure that belongs to the Territory and is for the time being open to the public;

unless—

- (d) that land is land specified in a permit issued under section 8B, the person is the person to whom the permit has been granted or is a person to whom the permit is expressed to apply and the permit is in force; or

- (e) that person camps, erects a structure, or occupies or is in a structure, on that land in the performance of his or her duties as a public servant or an officer or employee of a Territory authority or in the discharge of an obligation on his or her part, or on the part of his or her employer, to the Territory or that authority.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

- (3) A person shall not park or leave a vehicle on unleased land that is within an area of unleased land that is declared, in writing, by the Minister to be an area of unleased land to which this subsection applies unless—
  - (a) that land is specified in a permit issued under section 8B, the person is the person to whom the permit has been issued or a person to whom the permit is expressed to apply and the permit is in force; or
  - (b) that person parks or leaves the vehicle on a road or road related area, and the parking or leaving does not constitute an offence against any other law in force in the ACT; or
  - (c) that person parks or leaves the vehicle on that land in the performance of his or her duties as a public servant or an officer or employee of a Territory authority or in the discharge of an obligation on his or her part, or on the part of his or her employer, to the Territory or that authority; or
  - (d) the parking or the leaving of the vehicle on that land could not have been avoided by any reasonable efforts on the part of that person.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

- (5) If an inspector has requested a person who is in occupation of, or has apparent control of—
  - (a) a structure that is on unleased land; or

- (b) a vehicle that is on unleased land that is within an area of unleased land to which subsection (3) applies;

to remove the structure and all articles in, about, attached to, or apparently being used in connection with, the structure, or to remove the vehicle, to a place that is not unleased land and—

- (c) immediate steps are not taken to comply with the request; or
- (d) the structure and the articles or the vehicle are not removed within a reasonable time after the making of the request;

an inspector may remove the structure and all articles in, about, attached to, or apparently being used in connection with, the structure, or the vehicle.

- (6) If—

- (a) a structure is on unleased land and, for not less than 2 hours—
  - (i) the structure has remained unoccupied; and
  - (ii) there has been no person in apparent control of the structure; or
- (b) a vehicle is on unleased land that is within an area of unleased land to which subsection (3) applies and, for not less than 2 hours, there has been no person in apparent control of the vehicle;

an inspector may remove the structure and all articles in, about, attached to, or apparently being used in connection with, the structure, or the vehicle.

- (7) A structure, article or vehicle removed by an inspector under subsection (5) or (6) shall be kept in the custody that the commissioner of police directs.
- (8) If a structure, article or vehicle is kept in accordance with subsection (7), a person who, apart from that subsection, would be entitled to the custody of the structure, article or vehicle may request the commissioner of police to give that article to him or her, and,

subject to subsection (9), the commissioner of police shall, as soon as practicable, comply with that request.

- (9) If a request is made under subsection (8) for the giving to a person of an article kept under subsection (7) and that article is required by the prosecution to be tendered in evidence in proceedings for an offence against this section, the commissioner of police shall give to the person making the request written notice to that effect specifying the proceedings in relation to which the article is so required, and may keep that article until the conclusion of the proceedings specified in the notice.
- (10) A declaration under subsection (3) is a notifiable instrument.

*Note* A notifiable instrument must be notified under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

### **8B Permits to occupy unleased land**

- (1) A public servant authorised in writing by the Minister may, on an application by a person who wishes to conduct a festival, show, fair, circus or carnival, grant to that person a permit to occupy for that purpose a specified area of unleased Territory land or land occupied by the Territory that is in the city area, and the permit applies to that person and to all other persons to whom the permit is expressed to apply.
- (2) A permit shall be in force for the period, and subject to the conditions, specified in the permit.

### **8C Evidence**

- (1) A public servant authorised in writing by the Minister may, by instrument, certify that land described in the instrument or by reference to a plan on, or annexed to, the instrument—
- (a) is unleased Territory land or land occupied by the Territory; and
  - (b) is within the city area; and
  - (c) is not within an area to which a declaration in force under section 8A (3) applies.

- (2) In proceedings for an offence against this Act, a document that purports to be an instrument referred to in subsection (1) shall, unless the contrary is proved, be taken to be such an instrument and is evidence of the matters stated in the instrument.

**9 Persons reasonably suspected to give name and address**

- (1) An inspector, or any forest overseer employed by the Territory or any person authorised in writing by the Minister, may require any person reasonably suspected of having committed, or of being about to commit an offence against this Act to give his or her name in full and place of abode.
- (2) Any person who, after being so required and on production of the necessary authority, fails to give his or her real name or place of abode, commits an offence.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

## Endnotes

1 About the endnotes

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Amending and modifying laws are annotated in the legislation history and the amendment history. Current modifications are not included in the republished law but are set out in the endnotes.

Not all editorial amendments made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 are annotated in the amendment history. Full details of any amendments can be obtained from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

Uncommenced amending laws and expiries are listed in the legislation history and the amendment history. These details are underlined. Uncommenced provisions and amendments are not included in the republished law but are set out in the last endnote.

If all the provisions of the law have been renumbered, a table of renumbered provisions gives details of previous and current numbering.

The endnotes also include a table of earlier republications.

If the republished law includes penalties, current information about penalty unit values appears on the republication inside front cover.

### 2 Abbreviation key

am = amended	ord = ordinance
amdt = amendment	orig = original
ch = chapter	p = page
cl = clause	par = paragraph
def = definition	pres = present
dict = dictionary	prev = previous
disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative Assembly	(prev...) = previously
div = division	prov = provision
exp = expires/expired	pt = part
Gaz = Gazette	r = rule/subrule
hdg = heading	reg = regulation/subregulation
IA = Interpretation Act 1967	renum = renumbered
ins = inserted/added	reloc = relocated
LA = Legislation Act 2001	R[X] = Republication No
LR = legislation register	s = section/subsection
LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996	sch = schedule
mod = modified / modification	sdiv = subdivision
No = number	sub = substituted
num = numbered	SL = Subordinate Law
o = order	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be expired
om = omitted/repealed	

### 3 Legislation history

This Act was originally a Commonwealth ordinance—the *Trespass on Commonwealth Lands Ordinance 1932* No 20 (Cwlth).

The *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cwlth), s 34 (4) converted most former Commonwealth ordinances in force in the ACT into ACT enactments. This allowed the ACT Legislative Assembly to amend and repeal the laws. This Act was converted into an ACT enactment on 11 May 1989 (self-government day).

The Ordinance was renamed *Trespass on Territory Land Ordinance 1932* by the *Self-Government (Consequential Amendments) Ordinance 1989* No 38 (see sch 1).

As with most ordinances in force in the ACT, the name was changed from *Ordinance* to *Act* by the *Self-Government (Citation of Laws) Act 1989* No 21, s 5 on 11 May 1989 (self-government day).

Before 11 May 1989, ordinances commenced on their notification day unless otherwise stated (see *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910* (Cwlth), s 12).

After 11 May 1989 and before 10 November 1999, Acts commenced on their notification day unless otherwise stated (see *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cwlth) s 25).

#### Legislation before becoming Territory enactment

##### **Trespass on Territory Land Act 1932 No 20**

notified 10 November 1932

commenced 10 November 1932

as amended by

##### **Trespass on Commonwealth Lands Ordinance 1937 No 10**

notified 22 July 1937

commenced 22 July 1937

##### **Trespass on Commonwealth Lands Ordinance 1939 No 6**

notified 10 August 1939

commenced 10 August 1939

##### **Trespass on Commonwealth Lands Ordinance 1940 No 15**

notified 11 July 1940

commenced 11 July 1940

## Endnotes

3 Legislation history

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**Trespass on Commonwealth Lands Ordinance 1942 No 20**

notified 10 December 1942  
commenced 10 December 1942

**Trespass on Commonwealth Lands Ordinance 1943 No 6**

notified 13 May 1943  
commenced 27 May 1944

**Trespass on Commonwealth Lands Ordinance 1944 No 2**

notified 3 February 1944  
commenced 3 February 1944

**Trespass on Commonwealth Lands Ordinance (No 2) 1944 No 5**

notified 23 March 1944  
commenced 3 February 1944 (s 2)

**Ordinances Revision (Decimal Currency) Ordinance 1966 No 19**

notified 23 December 1966  
commenced 23 December 1966

**Trespass on Commonwealth Lands Ordinance 1972 No 20**

notified 20 July 1972  
commenced 20 July 1972

**Trespass on Commonwealth Lands Ordinance 1973 No 8**

notified 15 March 1973  
commenced 15 March 1973  
disallowed by Senate 7 June 1973

**Magistrates Court Ordinance 1985 No 67 sch pt 1**

notified 19 December 1985  
commenced 1 February 1986 (s 2 and Cwlth Gaz 1986 No G3)

**Self-Government (Consequential Amendments) Ordinance 1989 No 38 sch 1**

notified 10 May 1989 (Cwlth Gaz 1989 No S160)  
s 1, s 2 commenced 10 May 1989 (s 2 (1))  
sch 1 commenced 11 May 1989 (s 2 (2) and see Cwlth Gaz 1989 No S164)



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**Legislation after becoming Territory enactment****Acts Revision (Arrest Without Warrant) Act 1989 No 23 s 13**

notified 1 December 1989 (Gaz 1989 No S38)  
commenced 1 December 1989

**Statute Law Revision Act 1994 No 26 sch**

notified 31 May 1994 (Gaz 1994 No S93)  
commenced 31 May 1994 (s 2)

**Statute Law Revision (Penalties) Act 1994 No 81 sch**

notified 29 November 1994 (Gaz 1994 No S253)  
s 1, s 2 commenced 29 November 1994 (s 2 (1))  
sch commenced 29 November 1994 (s 2 (2) and Gaz 1994 No S269)

**Statutory Offices (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1994 No 97 sch pt 1**

notified 15 December 1994 (Gaz 1994 No S280)  
s 1, s 2 commenced 15 December 1994 (s 2 (1))  
sch pt 1 commenced 15 December 1994 (s 2 (2) and Gaz 1994  
No S293)

**Statute Law Revision Act 1995 No 46 sch**

notified 18 December 1995 (Gaz 1995 No S306)  
amnds commenced 18 December 1995 (s 2)

**Statute Law Revision (Penalties) Act 1998 No 54 sch**

notified 27 November 1998 (Gaz 1998 No S207)  
s 1, s 2 commenced 27 November 1998 (s 2 (1))  
sch commenced 9 December 1998 (s 2 (2) and Gaz 1998 No 49)

**Road Transport Legislation Amendment Act 1999 No 79**

notified 23 December 1999 (Gaz 1999 No S65)  
commenced 1 March 2000 (s 2 and see Gaz 2000 No S5)

**Statute Law Amendment Act 2000 No 80 sch 3**

notified 21 December 2000 (Gaz 2000 No S69)  
commenced 21 December 2000 (s 2 (1))

**Legislation (Consequential Amendments) Act 2001 No 44 pt 394**

notified 26 July 2001 (Gaz 2001 No 30)  
s 1, s 2 commenced 26 July 2001 (IA s 10B)  
pt 394 commenced 12 September 2001 (s 2 and Gaz 2001 No S65)

## Endnotes

4 Amendment history

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#### Title

title am 1989 No 38 sch 1

#### Name of Act

s 1 am 1989 No 38 sch 1

#### Repeals

s 2 om 2001 No 44 amdt 1.4098

#### Definitions for Act

s 3 am 1940 No 15; 1972 No 20  
sub 1973 No 8 s 2  
disallowed 7 June 1973  
am 1989 No 38; 1994 No 26 sch; 1994 No 97 sch; 1999 No 79  
s 5 sch 3; 2000 No 80 amdt 3.26, amdt 3.27

#### Inspectors

s 3A ins 1943 No 6  
am 1994 No 26 sch  
sub 1994 No 97 sch

s 3B ins 1943 No 6  
sub 1944 No 2  
am 1944 No 5; 1966 No 19  
om 1989 No 38 sch 1

s 3C ins 1943 No 6  
am 1944 No 2; 1966 No 19  
om 1989 No 38 sch 1

#### Trespass on Territory land

s 4 am 1940 No 15; 1966 No 19; 1989 No 38 s 51, sch 1; 1994 No  
26 sch; 1994 No 81 sch; 1995 No 46 sch

#### Animals straying etc on Commonwealth lands

s 4A ins 1937 No 10  
am 1939 No 6; 1966 No 19; 1994 No 81 sch; 1995 No 46 sch

#### Grazing stock on Commonwealth land in city area

s 4B ins 1942 No 20  
am 1966 No 19; 1994 No 26 sch; 1994 No 81 sch; 1995  
No 46 sch

#### Damage to fences

s 5 am 1966 No 19; 1994 No 81 sch; 1995 No 46 sch

#### Leaving gates open

s 6 am 1966 No 19; 1989 No 38 sch 1; 1994 No 26 sch; 1994  
No 81 sch; 1995 No 46 sch

**Damaging trees etc**

s 7 am 1940 No 15; 1966 No 19; 1989 No 38 sch 1; 1994 No 26 sch; 1994 No 81 sch

**Persons authorised to prevent trespassing etc**

s 8 am 1940 No 15; 1943 No 6; 1994 No 26 sch; 1994 No 97 sch

**Camping etc on Territory land**

s 8A ins 1972 No 20  
om 1973 No 8 s 3  
disallowed 7 June 1973  
am 1989 No 38 s 52, sch 1; 1994 No 26 sch; 1994 No 81 sch;  
1994 No 97 sch; 1998 No 54; 1999 No 79 s 5 sch 3; 2001 No 44 amdt 1.4099, amdt 1.4100

**Permits to occupy unleased land**

s 8B ins 1972 No 20  
om 1973 No 8 s 3  
disallowed 7 June 1973  
am 1989 No 38 sch 1; 1994 No 26 sch

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s 8C ins 1972 No 20  
om 1973 No 8 s 3  
disallowed 7 June 1973  
am 1989 No 38 sch 1; 1994 No 26 sch; 2001 No 44 amdt 1.4101

**Persons reasonably suspected to give name and address**

s 9 am 1943 No 6; 1966 No 19; 1985 No 67; 1989 No 38 sch 1;  
1989 No 23 s 13; 1994 No 26 sch; 1994 No 81 sch; 1994 No 97 sch

**Schedule**

sch om 2001 No 44 amdt 1.4102

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Republication No	Amendments to	Republication date
1	Act 1989 No 23	31 August 1993
2	Act 1994 No 97	28 February 1995
3	Act 1998 No 54	31 March 1999

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