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Guardianship and Management of Property Act 1991

An Act to provide for guardianship, and management of the property, of certain people, and for related purposes

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Guardianship and Management of Property Act 1991*.

2 Dictionary

The dictionary at the end of this Act is part of this Act.

Note 1 The dictionary at the end of this Act defines certain terms used in this Act, and includes references (*signpost definitions*) to other terms defined elsewhere in this Act or in other legislation.

For example, the signpost definition '*trustee company*—see the *Trustee Companies Act 1947*, dictionary.' means that the term 'trustee company' is defined in that dictionary and the definition applies to this Act.

Note 2 A definition in the dictionary (including a signpost definition) applies to the entire Act unless the definition, or another provision of the Act, provides otherwise or the contrary intention otherwise appears (see Legislation Act, s 155 and s 156 (1)).

3 Notes

A note included in this Act is explanatory and is not part of this Act.

Note See the Legislation Act, s 127 (1), (4) and (5) for the legal status of notes.

Part 1A Important concepts and principles

4 What are a person's *interests*?

A person's *interests* include the following:

- (a) protection of the person from physical or mental harm;
- (b) prevention of the physical or mental deterioration of the person;
- (c) the ability of the person to—
 - (i) look after himself or herself; and
 - (ii) live in the general community; and
 - (iii) take part in community activities; and
 - (iv) maintain the person's preferred lifestyle (other than any part of the person's preferred lifestyle that is harmful to the person);
- (d) promotion of the person's financial security;
- (e) prevention of the wasting of the person's financial resources or the person becoming destitute.

5 Principles to be followed by decision-makers

- (1) This section applies to the exercise by a person (the *decision-maker*) of a function under this Act in relation to a person with impaired decision-making ability (the *protected person*).
- (2) The *decision-making principles* to be followed by the decision-maker are the following:
 - (a) the protected person's wishes, as far as they can be worked out, must be given effect to, unless making the decision in

accordance with the wishes is likely to significantly adversely affect the protected person's interests;

- (b) if giving effect to the protected person's wishes is likely to significantly adversely affect the person's interests—the decision-maker must give effect to the protected person's wishes as far as possible without significantly adversely affecting the protected person's interests;
 - (c) if the protected person's wishes cannot be given effect to at all—the interests of the protected person must be promoted;
 - (d) the protected person's life (including the person's lifestyle) must be interfered with to the smallest extent necessary;
 - (e) the protected person must be encouraged to look after himself or herself as far as possible;
 - (f) the protected person must be encouraged to live in the general community, and take part in community activities, as far as possible.
- (3) Before making a decision, the decision-maker must consult with the primary carer of the protected person, unless doing so would, in the decision-maker's opinion, adversely affect the protected person's interests.
- (4) Subsection (3) does not limit the consultation that the decision-maker may carry out.

6 **When does someone have impaired decision-making ability?**

For this Act, a person has *impaired decision-making ability* if the person's decision-making ability is impaired because of a physical, mental, psychological or intellectual condition or state, whether or not the condition or state is a diagnosable illness.

Part 2 **Guardians and managers**

Division 2.1 **Appointment and powers**

6A **Limits on finding impaired decision-making ability**

A person must not be taken to have a physical, mental, psychological or intellectual condition relevant to section 7 or section 8 only because the person—

- (a) is eccentric; or
- (b) does or does not express a particular political or religious opinion; or
- (c) is of a particular sexual orientation or expresses a particular sexual preference; or
- (d) engages or has engaged in illegal or immoral conduct; or
- (e) takes or has taken drugs, including alcohol (but any effects of a drug may be taken into account).

7 **Appointment and powers of guardians**

- (1) This section applies if the tribunal is satisfied that—
 - (a) someone has impaired decision-making ability in relation to a matter relating to the person's health or welfare; and
 - (b) while the person has the impaired decision-making ability—
 - (i) there is, or is likely to be, a need for a decision in relation to the matter; or
 - (ii) the person is likely to do something in relation to the matter that involves, or is likely to involve, unreasonable risk to the person's health, welfare or property; and
 - (c) if a guardian is not appointed—

- (i) the person's needs will not be met; or
- (ii) the person's interests will be significantly adversely affected.

Note See s 8B in relation to appointment of a guardian for a child.

- (2) The tribunal may, by order, appoint a guardian for the person, with the powers that the tribunal is satisfied are necessary or desirable to make decisions for the person in accordance with the decision-making principles.

Note The powers that may be given to a guardian are restricted under s 7B.

- (3) The powers that may be given to a person's guardian include the following powers:
- (a) to decide where, and with whom, the person is to live;
 - (b) to decide what education or training the person is to receive;
 - (c) to decide whether the person is to be allowed to work;
 - (d) if the person is to be allowed to work—to decide the nature of the work, the place of employment and the employer;
 - (e) to give, for the person, a consent required for a medical procedure or other treatment (other than a prescribed medical procedure);
 - (f) to bring or continue legal proceedings for or in the name of the person.

7A Appointment of guardians under direction

If the Supreme Court gives a direction under the *Crimes Act 1900*, section 316 (Special hearing), the tribunal must appoint a guardian for the accused with power to make an election mentioned in that section.

7B Restriction on powers of guardians

The powers that may be given to a person's guardian do not include the power to discipline the person or the power to do any of the following things for the person:

- (a) vote in an election;
- (b) make a will or other testamentary instrument;
- (c) consent to the adoption of a child;
- (d) give a consent to a marriage;
- (e) give a consent required for a prescribed medical procedure for the person.

8 Appointment and powers of managers

- (1) This section applies if the tribunal is satisfied that—
 - (a) someone has impaired decision-making ability in relation to the person's financial matters or a matter affecting the person's property; and
 - (b) while the person has the impaired decision-making ability—
 - (i) there is, or is likely to be, a need for a decision in relation to the matter; or
 - (ii) the person is likely to do something in relation to the matter that involves, or is likely to involve, unreasonable risk to the person's health, welfare or property; and
 - (c) if a manager is not appointed—
 - (i) the person's needs will not be met; or
 - (ii) the person's interests will be significantly adversely affected.
- (2) The tribunal may, by order, appoint a manager to manage all, or a stated part of, the person's property, with the powers that the

tribunal is satisfied are necessary or desirable to allow the manager to make decisions in relation to the property, in accordance with the decision-making principles.

Note The tribunal's power to appoint a manager is restricted under s 8A.

- (3) The powers that may be given to a person's manager are the powers that the person would have if the person were legally competent to exercise powers in relation to the person's property.

8A Restriction on power to appoint manager outside ACT

- (1) The tribunal may appoint a manager for property in the ACT of someone (the *protected person*) who lives outside the ACT only if—
 - (a) the tribunal is satisfied that it is impracticable for a manager for the property to be appointed in the jurisdiction (the *other jurisdiction*) where the protected person lives; or
 - (b) an order appointing a manager for the property under the law of the other jurisdiction cannot be registered under section 12 (Recognition of interstate etc guardians and managers).

- (2) For this section:

jurisdiction means a State, another Territory or a foreign country.

8B May a guardian or manager be appointed for a child?

- (1) The tribunal may appoint a guardian or manager for a person who is a child.
- (2) However, the order appointing the guardian or manager does not take effect until the person becomes an adult.

9 Who may be appointed

- (1) The community advocate or an individual may be appointed as a guardian.

- (2) The community advocate, the public trustee, a trustee company or an individual may be appointed as a manager.
- (3) A person may be appointed both guardian and manager, and people may be appointed jointly as guardians or managers, or both.
- (4) The community advocate must not be appointed as a person's guardian if an individual who is otherwise suitable has consented to be appointed.
- (5) The community advocate, the public trustee or a trustee company must not be appointed as a manager of a person's property if an individual who is otherwise suitable has consented to be appointed.

10 Considerations affecting appointment

- (1) A person must not be appointed as a guardian or manager unless the person consents in writing to the appointment.
- (2) A person (except the community advocate, the public trustee or a trustee company) must not be appointed as a guardian or manager unless the person is an adult and has informed the tribunal on oath whether the person—
 - (a) has been convicted or found guilty of an offence involving violence, fraud or dishonesty; or
 - (b) has been, either in the ACT or elsewhere, refused appointment as a guardian or manager, or removed from office as a guardian or manager; or
 - (c) is bankrupt or has applied to take the benefit of a law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors or has compounded with creditors or made an assignment of income for their benefit (and if so, has given particulars to the tribunal).
- (3) Someone (other than the community advocate or public trustee) may be appointed as a guardian or manager only if the tribunal is satisfied that the person will follow the decision-making principles and is otherwise suitable for appointment.

- (4) For subsection (3), the matters that the tribunal must take into account include—
- (a) the views and wishes of the person for whom a guardian or manager is to be appointed; and
 - (b) the desirability of preserving existing family relationships; and
 - (c) whether the 2 people are compatible; and
 - (d) whether the proposed guardian or manager lives in the ACT; and
 - (e) whether the proposed guardian or manager will be available and accessible to the other person; and
 - (f) the nature of the functions to be exercised under the order and whether the proposed guardian or manager is competent to exercise them; and
 - (g) whether the interests and duties of the proposed guardian or manager are likely to conflict with the other person's interests to the detriment of the person's interests.
- (5) The interests and duties of the domestic partner or a relative of a person must not be taken to be likely to conflict with the interests of the person only because of the fact of being the domestic partner or relative.

11 Powers to be least restrictive

The powers given to a person's guardian or on a manager of a person's property are to be no more restrictive of the person's freedom of decision and action than is necessary to achieve the purpose of the order.

Note Also, the guardian or manager should exercise the powers in accordance with the decision-making principles (see s 5).

12 Recognition of interstate etc guardians and managers

- (1) The tribunal must, on application, register the appointment of a person who is, under a corresponding law—
 - (a) a guardian for another person who lives outside the ACT; or
 - (b) a manager of property of another person who lives outside the ACT.
- (2) On registration, the person is taken to be a guardian, or manager of the property, of the other person, as the case requires, as if the appointment had been made by the tribunal.
- (3) The tribunal must not register an appointment unless the instrument of appointment, or a copy of it, has been lodged with the tribunal.
- (4) In subsection (1):

corresponding law means a law of a State or of another Territory, or a law of a prescribed country, that substantially corresponds to this Act.

13 Authority of guardian or manager

An act or omission of a guardian or manager under this Act has effect as if it were an act or omission of the represented person and that person had the legal capacity for the act or omission.

14 Restrictions on manager about property

- (1) Unless the tribunal, on application, orders otherwise—
 - (a) a manager of a person's property must not enter into a transaction in relation to the property if the interests of the manager are in conflict, or may conflict, with the interests of the person; and
 - (b) a manager of a person's property must keep the manager's property separate from the person's property.

- (2) Subsection (1) (b) does not apply to property owned jointly by the manager and person.

15 Fees and expenses

- (1) A person who acts as a guardian or manager—
- (a) is entitled to be paid the fees determined under section 75 (Determination of fees); and
 - (b) is entitled to reimbursement of the reasonable expenses incurred in acting as guardian or manager.
- (2) Amounts payable under this section are payable out of, and are a charge on, the relevant person's property or, if the manager concerned is manager of part only of the relevant person's property, that part.

Division 2.2 Supervision

16 Directions by tribunal

- (1) The tribunal may, on application, give a direction to a guardian or manager about the exercise of his or her functions or powers.
- (2) A guardian or manager must not, without reasonable excuse, contravene a direction.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units, imprisonment for 6 months or both.

17 Restrictions on tribunal's power to give directions

If an order of a court affects a person for whom there is a guardian under this Act, or in relation to whom a manager is appointed under this Act, the tribunal must not give a direction that is inconsistent with that order.

18 Advice by tribunal

- (1) The tribunal may, on application by a guardian or manager, give an opinion or advice about the exercise of functions or powers by the guardian or manager.
- (2) A guardian or manager who acts in accordance with such an opinion or advice is taken to have acted properly and in accordance with this Act unless, in obtaining the opinion or advice, the guardian or manager acted fraudulently or wilfully misrepresented or concealed a material fact.

19 Regular review etc

- (1) The tribunal may, at any time and whether on application or on its own initiative, hold an inquiry into whether—
 - (a) an order appointing a guardian or manager should be—
 - (i) varied; or
 - (ii) revoked on the ground that the need for guardianship or management no longer exists; or
 - (b) a guardian or manager should be removed under section 31.
- (2) The tribunal must hold such an inquiry in relation to each order appointing a guardian or manager at least once every 3 years.
- (3) If—
 - (a) a guardian or manager dies; and
 - (b) under the order of appointment, someone else becomes a replacement guardian or manager;the tribunal must hold an inquiry into the suitability of the replacement guardian or manager as soon as practicable.
- (4) A reference in this section to an *order* is, in relation to an order registered under section 12, a reference to the registration of the order.

Division 2.3 Matters relating to management

20 Access to records

Unless the tribunal otherwise orders, a manager of a person's property is entitled to inspect a will or other testamentary instrument made by the person and to any other document relating to the property.

21 Payments for maintenance etc

- (1) The manager of a person's property may, out of the property, pay reasonable amounts for the maintenance, advancement or education, or otherwise for the benefit, of the person and of the person's dependants (if any).
- (2) The payments may be made to or on behalf of the person and, if the person has a guardian, to the guardian.
- (3) The payments may be made out of income or capital.
- (4) In deciding whether to make a payment, the matters that the manager must take into account include—
 - (a) the person's views and wishes; and
 - (b) the amount and nature of the property; and
 - (c) the amount and nature of any other of the person's property; and
 - (d) the present and likely future needs of the person and any dependants.

22 Receipt of money

- (1) Unless the tribunal otherwise orders, if a manager of a person's property receives money—
 - (a) as interest or income in relation to the property; or

(b) as the proceeds of the realisation of the property;
the manager becomes manager of the money.

- (2) Unless the tribunal otherwise orders, if there is an accretion to property in relation to which a manager has been appointed, the manager becomes manager of the extra property.

23 Execution of instruments

An instrument executed by a manager of a person's property acting as manager has the same effect as if it had been executed by the person.

24 Investments

- (1) A manager must not invest money held in his or her capacity as manager except—
- (a) in investments in which trust money may, in accordance with the *Trustee Act 1925*, be invested; or
 - (b) as the tribunal, by order, permits.
- (2) Subsection (1) has effect despite the *Public Trustee Act 1985*.

25 Real estate

If the property for which a manager is appointed includes land held under the *Land Titles Act 1925*, the manager must—

- (a) within 14 days after being appointed, lodge a copy of the order of appointment; or
- (b) within 14 days after being registered as manager under section 12, lodge a copy of the relevant order of appointment together with evidence of the registration;

with the registrar-general.

26 Accounts

- (1) A manager other than the public trustee must, in accordance with the regulations, file with the public trustee the accounts and other documents relating to the management of the relevant property that are prescribed.
- (2) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, contravene subsection (1).

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

- (3) The tribunal may, on application, by order—
 - (a) give a manager directions in relation to the filing of the prescribed accounts and documents; and
 - (b) direct a manager to have the accounts and documents audited by a specified auditor.
- (4) A manager must not, without reasonable excuse, contravene a direction.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units, imprisonment for 6 months or both.

27 Examination of accounts

- (1) The public trustee must examine the accounts and documents mentioned in section 26 (1) and may apply to the tribunal for the disallowance of any item in the accounts.
- (2) The tribunal must not make an order disallowing an item if the tribunal is satisfied that the manager acted in good faith and with reasonable care in the exercise of powers given to the manager.
- (3) If an item is disallowed by the tribunal, the manager concerned—
 - (a) is not entitled to payment under section 15 of the amount of the item disallowed; and

- (b) must pay to the Territory the amount of the costs reasonably incurred by the public trustee in making the application to the tribunal.
- (4) If the public trustee examines the accounts and other documents in relation to the management of property by the manager, the manager must pay to the Territory the fee determined under section 75 (Determination of fees) for the examination.
- (5) An amount payable to the Territory under subsection (3) (b) or (4) is payable on the 28th day after written notice specifying the amount of the debt is given to the debtor by the public trustee.
- (6) The public trustee may waive payment of all or part of an amount payable to the Territory under subsection (3) (b) or (4) if the public trustee is satisfied that payment of the amount would impose hardship on a person or that other circumstances justify waiving payment of the amount.

Division 2.4 Cessation of guardianship or management

28 Resignation

A guardian or manager may resign by writing given to the president.

29 Death of represented person

Subject to section 30, a person's guardian, or a manager of a person's property, ceases to be guardian or manager when the person dies.

30 Manager may act until notified of discharge etc

An order appointing a guardian or manager continues in force, so far as an act or thing done under it in good faith is concerned, until the guardian or manager receives notice of the death of the represented

person, notice of the revocation of the order or notice of his or her removal from office under section 31.

31 Removal by tribunal

The tribunal may, by order, remove a person appointed as a guardian or manager if it is satisfied that—

- (a) the person is no longer suitable to be a guardian or manager; or
- (b) the person is no longer competent to exercise the functions or powers of a guardian or manager; or
- (c) the person has failed to exercise the functions or powers of a guardian or manager; or
- (d) the person has contravened a provision of this Act.

32 Surviving or substitute guardians etc

- (1) If a person ceases to be a joint guardian (whether by death or otherwise)—
 - (a) the surviving guardian becomes the sole guardian; or
 - (b) if there are 2 or more surviving guardians—the survivors become joint guardians.
- (2) If a person ceases to be a joint manager of property (whether by death or otherwise)—
 - (a) the surviving manager becomes the sole manager of the property; or
 - (b) if there are 2 or more surviving managers—the survivors become joint managers of the property.
- (3) If the community advocate becomes aware that there is no longer a guardian for a person, but not because of—
 - (a) the revocation by the tribunal of the order appointing the person as guardian; or

- (b) the removal by the tribunal of the person as guardian;
the community advocate must give the tribunal written notice of the fact.
- (4) If the notice indicates that the community advocate or a person specified by the community advocate will act as guardian, the notice is taken to be an application for the appointment of the community advocate or person as the guardian.
- (5) If the community advocate becomes aware that there is no longer a manager of a person's property, but not because of—
- (a) the revocation by the tribunal of the order appointing the person as manager; or
- (b) the removal by the tribunal of the person as manager;
the community advocate must give the tribunal written notice of the fact.
- (6) If the notice indicates that the community advocate or a person specified by the community advocate has consented to act as manager, the notice is taken to be an application for the appointment of the community advocate or person as the manager.

Part 3 Inquiries by tribunal

Division 3.1 Procedure

33 Need for inquiry

The tribunal must not make an order unless it has held an inquiry into the relevant matter.

34 Sittings

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), the tribunal is to sit in the places, including places outside the ACT, that the president decides.
- (2) The tribunal must not sit in premises customarily used by a court, unless the president is satisfied that no other suitable premises are available or appropriate in the circumstances.

35 Notice of inquiry

- (1) At least 7 days before the tribunal holds an inquiry into a matter in relation to a person, the presidential member must, so far as practicable, give written notice of the inquiry to—
 - (a) the person; and
 - (b) the person's domestic partner, parents, brothers and sisters; and
 - (c) each child of the person; and
 - (d) if the person has a guardian—the guardian; and
 - (e) if there is a manager of the person's property—the manager; and
 - (f) the community advocate; and
 - (g) if the matter relates to property—the public trustee.

- (2) Subsection (1) does not limit the person to whom notice of the inquiry may be given.

36 Appearance and representation

- (1) Each person mentioned in section 35 who has been given notice of an inquiry under that section is entitled to appear and give evidence at the inquiry.
- (2) Other people may appear and give evidence at an inquiry only by leave of the tribunal.
- (3) A person appearing at an inquiry may be represented by an agent or a lawyer.
- (4) The tribunal may appoint a person to represent a person who is not otherwise represented.

36A Appearance by audiovisual or audio links

- (1) This section applies if, in relation to an inquiry or a part of an inquiry (a *relevant inquiry*), the tribunal has given a direction under the *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1991*, section 20 (1) (Territory courts may take evidence and submissions from outside ACT) or section 32 (1) (Use of link in proceedings).
- (2) If this section applies a person who, in a relevant inquiry—
- (a) is entitled to appear; or
 - (b) is entitled to appear for another person;
- may appear in that inquiry and participate and, if so required, give evidence in accordance with the direction.
- (3) A person who appears in a relevant inquiry in accordance with this section is taken to be before the tribunal.

37 Conduct of inquiry

- (1) An inquiry must be held in public unless the tribunal orders otherwise.
- (2) An inquiry must be conducted informally and with as little regard to legal technicalities as is just.
- (3) The tribunal is bound by the rules of natural justice.

38 Evidence

- (1) The tribunal is not bound by the rules of evidence but may inform itself on any matter relevant to an inquiry in the way it considers appropriate.
- (2) Evidence in an inquiry may be given orally or in writing.
- (3) The presidential member may require a person appearing before the tribunal at an inquiry to answer questions to do 1 or more of the following:
 - (a) to take an oath;
 - (b) to answer a question relevant to the inquiry;
 - (c) to produce to the presidential member a document or other thing relevant to the inquiry.

Note **Oath** includes affirmation and **take** an oath includes make an affirmation (see Legislation Act, dict, pt 1).

39 Authority for medical or other examinations

- (1) The presidential member may, for the purposes of an inquiry, authorise a medical or other examination of the person who is the subject of the inquiry.
- (2) An authority has effect as a valid consent for anything done in the course of the examination.

40 Assistance for tribunal

The tribunal may appoint a lawyer or doctor or anyone else with appropriate expertise to assist it in relation to an inquiry.

41 Power to obtain information and documents

- (1) If the presidential member is satisfied that a person can provide information or produce a document relevant to an inquiry, the presidential member may, by written notice given to the person, require the person—
 - (a) to give the information to the presidential member in writing signed by the person or, for a body corporate, by an officer of the body corporate; or
 - (b) to produce the document to the presidential member.
- (2) The notice must state—
 - (a) the place where the information or document is to be given or produced to the presidential member; and
 - (b) the time when, or the period within which, the information or document is to be so given or produced.
- (3) If the presidential member is satisfied that a person has information relevant to an inquiry, the presidential member may, by written notice given to the person, require the person to attend before the tribunal at a time and place specified in the notice to answer questions relevant to the inquiry.

41A Privileges against selfincrimination and exposure to civil penalty

- (1) This section applies if—
 - (a) a person is required under section 38 (3) to answer a question or produce a document; or

- (b) a person is required under section 41 (1) to give information or produce a document.
- (2) The person cannot rely on the common law privileges against selfincrimination and exposure to the imposition of a civil penalty to refuse to answer the question, produce the document or give the information.

Note The Legislation Act, s 171 deals with client legal privilege.

- (3) However, any information, document or other thing obtained, directly or indirectly, because of the answering of the question, producing of the document or giving of the information is not admissible in evidence against the person in a civil or criminal proceeding, other than a proceeding for—
 - (a) an offence in relation to the falsity or the misleading nature of the answer, document or information; or
 - (b) an offence against the Criminal Code, chapter 7 (Administration of justice offences).

42 Retention of documents

If a document is produced to the presidential member in accordance with a requirement under section 38 (3) (c) or section 41 (1), the presidential member —

- (a) may take possession of, and may make a copy of, or take extracts from, the document; and
- (b) may retain possession of the document for the period that is necessary for the purposes of the inquiry; and
- (c) during that period must permit a person who would be entitled to inspect the document, if it was not in the possession of the presidential member, to inspect the document at any reasonable time.

43 Form of orders

- (1) Orders of the tribunal must be in writing signed by the member or members constituting the tribunal in the matter to which the order relates.
- (2) An order appointing a guardian or manager—
 - (a) must specify the powers given to the guardian or manager; and
 - (b) is subject to the conditions, or limitations about time, that are specified in the order.
- (3) If an order relates to property, it must specify the property.

44 Proof of orders

A copy of an order signed in accordance with section 43 (1) is admissible as evidence in proceedings that such an order was made.

45 Obtaining reasons for decisions

- (1) In this section:
decision includes a direction and an order.
- (2) If—
 - (a) the tribunal makes a decision; and
 - (b) a person who is entitled to appeal to the Supreme Court against the decision requests the presidential member, in accordance with subsection (3), for a statement of reasons in relation to the decision;

the presidential member must give a written statement of the reasons to the person as soon as practicable but, in any case, within 28 days after the day the request was received by the presidential member.
- (3) A request for a statement of reasons must be in writing given to the presidential member within 28 days after the day the decision was made.

- (4) A statement of reasons must—
- (a) set out the tribunal’s findings on material questions of fact; and
 - (b) refer to the evidence or other material on which the finding was made; and
 - (c) give the tribunal’s reasons for the decision.

46 Withdrawal of applications

The tribunal may allow an application for an order to be withdrawn at any time before it is decided.

47 Costs

- (1) If the tribunal is satisfied that—
- (a) an application is frivolous, vexatious or has not been made in good faith; and
 - (b) a person other than the applicant has reasonably incurred expenses in relation to the inquiry in relation to the application;
- the tribunal may order the applicant to pay a specified amount to the person by way of compensation.
- (2) The amount to which the order relates is a debt owed to the person by the applicant.

Division 3.2 Miscellaneous

48 Removal of people disrupting inquiries

- (1) If the presidential member is satisfied that a person is substantially disrupting the conduct of an inquiry, the presidential member may order the person to leave the place where the inquiry is being held.
- (2) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, contravene an order.
- Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units, imprisonment for 6 months or both.

- (3) If the person does not obey the order, the presidential member may authorise a police officer to remove the person and the police officer may, using the force and assistance that is necessary and reasonable, remove the person.

49 Prohibited publications

- (1) A person must not, without the written authority of the presidential member —
- (a) publish to the public, or to a section of the public, a report of an inquiry before the tribunal; or
- (b) broadcast or play to the public, or to a section of the public, a sound recording of an inquiry;

that would enable a person to be identified as a person for whom a guardian had been or was to be appointed, or of whose property a manager had been or was to be appointed.

- (2) A person must not, without the written authority of the presidential member, publish to the public, or to a section of the public, a photograph taken at, or of any proceedings in, an inquiry.

- (3) In subsection (2):

photograph includes negative, film, videotape and any other record of visual images.

- (4) A person must not contravene subsection (1) or (2).

Maximum penalty (subsection (4)): 50 penalty units, imprisonment for 6 months or both.

55 Application of Criminal Code, ch 7

An inquiry by the tribunal is a legal proceeding for the Criminal Code, chapter 7 (Administration of justice offences).

Note That chapter includes offences (eg perjury, falsifying evidence, failing to attend and refusing to be sworn) applying in relation to tribunal proceedings.

Division 3.3 Appeals

56 Appeals

- (1) An appeal to the Supreme Court from an order, direction or decision of the tribunal may be brought by a person—
 - (a) who appeared, or was entitled under section 36 (1) to appear, before the tribunal in the relevant inquiry; or
 - (b) who, with leave of the tribunal, would have been entitled to appear before the tribunal in the relevant inquiry; or
 - (c) in relation to whom the order, direction or decision was made.
- (2) An appeal may be brought—
 - (a) on a question of law—as of right; or
 - (b) on any other question—only with the leave of the Supreme Court.
- (3) An appeal must be made—
 - (a) within 28 days after the day the order, direction or decision was made; or
 - (b) if the appellant requested a statement of reasons under section 45 in relation to the order, direction or decision—within 28 days after the day the appellant receives the statement; or

- (c) within the further time that the Supreme Court (whether before or after the end of the period) allows.
- (4) The Supreme Court must hear and decide the appeal and may make the order that is just, including an order confirming the order, direction or other decision, setting it aside and remitting the matter to the tribunal with directions or substituting its own order, direction or decision.

Part 4 Guardianship and management of property tribunal

Division 4.1 Establishment, functions and powers

57 Establishment

There is established a tribunal by the name of the Guardianship and Management of Property Tribunal.

58 Functions and powers

The tribunal has the functions and powers given to it under this Act.

Note The power to exercise a function also includes the powers necessary and convenient to exercise the function (see Legislation Act, s 196).

Division 4.2 Tribunal members

59 Membership of tribunal

- (1) The tribunal consists of—
 - (a) the president; and
 - (b) the deputy presidents; and
 - (b) the non-presidential members.
- (2) The members of the tribunal are to be appointed by the Executive.

60 Presidential members

- (1) A person is eligible to be appointed president only if the person is a magistrate.
- (2) A person is eligible to be appointed deputy president only if the person is a magistrate or a lawyer of at least 5 years standing.

61 Non-presidential members

The Executive must appoint as non-presidential members people who, in its opinion, have appropriate expertise, training or experience in relation to, and are otherwise suitable to deal with, the needs of people who, because of a physical, mental, psychological or intellectual condition, need assistance or protection from abuse, exploitation or neglect.

62 Terms of appointment generally

- (1) A member may be appointed as a full-time or part-time member.
- (2) A member holds office on the terms not provided by this Act that are decided by the Executive.
- (3) This section does not apply to a member who is a magistrate.

63 Matters to be included in instrument of appointment etc

The instrument appointing, or evidencing the appointment of, a member must state—

- (a) whether the member is the president, a deputy president or a non-presidential member; and
- (b) the period for which the member is appointed; and
- (c) if the member is not a magistrate—whether the member is appointed as a full-time or part-time member.

64 Duration of appointment

- (1) A member is to be appointed for a term of not longer than 5 years.
- (2) The Executive may end the appointment of a member who is not a magistrate—
 - (a) for misbehaviour or physical or mental incapacity; or
 - (b) if the member becomes bankrupt, applies to take the benefit of any law for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors,

compounds with creditors or makes an assignment of remuneration for the benefit of creditors.

- (3) The Executive must end the appointment of—
- (a) a presidential member who is a magistrate if the member ceases to be a magistrate; or
 - (b) a deputy president who is not a magistrate if the member ceases to be eligible for appointment; or
 - (c) a non-presidential member if the Executive is satisfied that the person is no longer a suitable person to deal with the needs of people who, because of a physical, mental, psychological or intellectual condition, need assistance or protection from abuse, exploitation or neglect; or
 - (d) a member who is not a magistrate if the member is convicted in Australia or elsewhere of an offence punishable by imprisonment for 1 year or longer.

Division 4.3 Registrar and deputy registrars

65 Registrar and deputy registrars of tribunal

- (1) The registrar of the Magistrates Court is the registrar of the tribunal.
- (2) Each deputy registrar of the Magistrates Court is a deputy registrar of the tribunal.
- (3) Subject to any direction of the registrar, a deputy registrar of the tribunal may exercise the powers of the registrar of the tribunal.
- (4) The registrar may delegate to a public servant the registrar's powers under this Act.

Note For the making of delegations and the exercise of delegated functions, see the Legislation Act, pt 19.4.

Division 4.4 Other provisions

66 Constitution of tribunal

- (1) The tribunal may exercise its powers only if constituted by—
 - (a) a presidential member; or
 - (b) a presidential member and 2 non-presidential members.
- (2) However, if—
 - (a) the tribunal is constituted for an inquiry by a presidential member and 2 non-presidential members; and
 - (b) a non-presidential member ceases to be a member, or to be available for the inquiry, before the completion of the inquiry;the presidential member and any remaining non-presidential member may finish the inquiry if the presidential member considers it desirable to do so.

66A Role of president

- (1) The president is responsible for ensuring the orderly and prompt discharge of the tribunal's business.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1), the president may give directions about—
 - (a) how the tribunal is to be constituted for a particular matter; and
 - (b) the members who are to constitute the tribunal for a particular matter.

66B Deciding questions

- (1) The presidential member is to decide a question of law arising in a matter.
- (2) If there is a division of opinion about another question arising in a matter, the question is decided—

- (a) according to the opinion of the majority of members constituting the tribunal; or
- (b) if there is no majority on the question—according to the opinion of the presidential member.

66C Protection of members etc

- (1) This section applies to a person who is or has been—
 - (a) a member of the tribunal; or
 - (b) the registrar or a deputy registrar of the tribunal; or
 - (c) a person acting under the tribunal’s direction or authority; or
 - (d) a participant in a matter before the tribunal.
- (2) An action or proceeding does not lie against a person to whom this section applies in relation to an act done, or omitted to be done, in good faith in that capacity.

66D Secrecy

- (1) In this section:

court includes any tribunal, authority or person having power to require the production of documents or the answering of questions.

person to whom this section applies means a person who is or has been—

- (a) a member of the tribunal; or
- (b) the registrar or a deputy registrar of the tribunal; or
- (c) authorised to exercise a function or power under this Act in relation to the tribunal.

produce includes permit access to.

protected information means information about a person that is disclosed to, or obtained by, a person to whom this section applies

because of the exercise of a function under this Act in relation to the tribunal.

- (2) A person to whom this section applies must not—
- (a) make a record of protected information; or
 - (b) directly or indirectly, divulge or communicate to a person protected information about someone else;

unless the record is made, or the information divulged or communicated, in relation to the exercise of a function, as a person to whom this section applies, under this Act or another Act.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units, imprisonment for 6 months or both.

- (3) Subsection (2) does not prevent a person to whom this section applies from divulging or communicating protected information to a person about another person with the consent of the other person.
- (4) A person to whom this section applies is not required—
- (a) to divulge or communicate protected information to a court; or
 - (b) to produce a document containing protected information to a court;

unless it is necessary to do so for this Act or another Act.

Part 5 Miscellaneous

67 Emergency appointments

- (1) The tribunal may—
 - (a) under section 7, appoint the community advocate to be the guardian for a person; or
 - (b) under section 8, appoint the community advocate or the public trustee to be a manager of a person's property;without holding an inquiry under part 3 if the tribunal is satisfied that there are special circumstances of urgency that make it proper to do so.
- (2) The order of appointment has effect for the period, not longer than 10 days, specified in the order.

68 Emergency removal of disabled persons

- (1) If—
 - (a) the presidential member or a judicial officer is satisfied that—
 - (i) a guardian has been appointed for a person; or
 - (ii) grounds exist for the appointment of a guardian for a person; and
 - (b) the person is—
 - (i) because of a physical, mental, psychological or intellectual condition, likely to suffer serious damage to his or her physical, mental or emotional health if not removed from a particular place; or
 - (ii) being unlawfully detained in a particular place;

the presidential member or judicial officer may, on application by the community advocate, issue a warrant authorising the community advocate, with the police officers that may be required, and using the force that is necessary and reasonable, to enter that place and remove that person.

- (2) A warrant must specify—
 - (a) the purpose for which it is issued; and
 - (b) the person whose removal it authorises; and
 - (c) the place from which that removal is authorised; and
 - (d) particular hours during which the removal is authorised or that removal is authorised at any time of the day or night; and
 - (e) the date (not later than 14 days after the issue of the warrant) when it ceases to have effect.
- (3) Subject to subsection (5), the application must be in writing accompanied by a statement setting out the information in support of the application.
- (4) All information, whether oral or in writing, given in support of the application must be given on oath.
- (5) If it is impracticable to apply in accordance with subsection (3), an application may be made by telephone or other appropriate means.
- (6) If subsection (5) applies—
 - (a) the presidential member or the judicial officer must prepare and sign the warrant and tell the community advocate its terms; and
 - (b) the community advocate must prepare an instrument in the same terms as the warrant and write on it—
 - (i) the time and date when the warrant was signed; and
 - (ii) the name of the person who signed the warrant; and

- (c) the community advocate must give the person who signed the warrant, not later than 24 hours after it was signed, the statement mentioned in subsection (3) and the instrument mentioned in paragraph (b); and
 - (d) while the warrant remains in force, the instrument may be used instead of the warrant; and
 - (e) a court must not find that the premises were entered in accordance with the warrant unless the warrant signed by the presidential member or judicial officer is admitted in evidence.
- (7) As soon as practicable after the person is removed, the tribunal must hold an inquiry and, if there is no guardian available, the community advocate must apply to be appointed as the person's guardian.

69 Capacity to consent to medical etc procedures

- (1) If—
- (a) the guardian for a person has the power to give for the person a consent required for a medical procedure or other treatment; or
 - (b) a declaration that a person is not competent to give a consent required for a prescribed medical procedure is in force under subsection (2);
- the person is not competent to give such a consent for the procedure or treatment.
- (2) If a guardian is appointed for a person, the tribunal may, by order, declare that the person is not competent to give a consent required for a prescribed medical procedure.
- (3) If a person, who is not competent to do so, purports to consent to the performance of a medical procedure or the provision of other treatment for the person by a doctor, no action or proceeding, civil or criminal, lies against the doctor only because of the performance of the procedure or the provision of the treatment without the person's consent if—

- (a) the doctor did not know, or could not reasonably be expected to know, that the person was not competent to give the consent required; and
- (b) the doctor otherwise acted in good faith in performing the procedure or providing the treatment.

70 Tribunal may consent to prescribed medical procedures

- (1) If the tribunal has made an order under section 69 (2) in relation to a person, it may, on application, by order, consent to a prescribed medical procedure (other than treatment for mental illness, electroconvulsive therapy or psychiatric surgery) for the person if it is satisfied that—
 - (a) the procedure is otherwise lawful; and
 - (b) the person is not competent to give consent and is not likely to become competent in the foreseeable future; and
 - (c) the procedure would be in the person's best interests; and
 - (d) the person, the guardian and any other person whom the tribunal considers should have notice of the proposed procedure are aware of the application for consent.

Note Treatment for mental illness, including electroconvulsive therapy and psychiatric surgery, is dealt with in the *Mental Health (Treatment and Care) Act 1994*.

- (2) The tribunal must appoint the person's guardian, or the community advocate or some other independent person to represent the person in relation to the inquiry relating to the consent.
- (3) In deciding whether a particular procedure would be in the person's best interests, the matters that the tribunal must take into account include—
 - (a) the wishes of the person, so far as they can be ascertained; and
 - (b) what would happen if it were not carried out; and

- (c) what alternative treatments are available; and
 - (d) whether it can be postponed because better treatments may become available; and
 - (e) for a transplantation of tissue—the relationship between the 2 people.
- (4) The tribunal must not consent to the removal of non-regenerative tissue for transplantation to the body of another living person unless, in addition to the matters specified in subsection (1) (a) to (d), it is satisfied that—
- (a) the risk to the person from whom the tissue is to be taken is small; and
 - (b) the risk of failure of the transplant is low; and
 - (c) the life of the person to whose body the tissue is to be transplanted would be in danger if the transplant were not made; and
 - (d) it is highly likely that transplanting such tissue from someone else would be unsuccessful.
- (5) In an order by which the tribunal consents to the removal of non-regenerative tissue for transplantation to the body of another living person, the tribunal must specify the time and date the order is made.

71 Power to adjust transactions

- (1) If a person for whose property a manager is appointed purports to enter into a transaction in relation to the property, the transaction is, subject to subsection (2), not void on the ground that the person was not legally competent to enter into the transaction.
- (2) The tribunal, the Supreme Court or the Magistrates Court may, on an application made within 90 days after the date of the transaction

by the guardian, the manager or some other person concerned in the transaction, by order—

- (a) confirm the transaction; or
- (b) declare the transaction void; or
- (c) adjust the rights of the parties to the transaction;

as is just.

- (3) The tribunal, the Supreme Court or the Magistrates Court may order an application made to it to be transferred to another of the tribunal, the Supreme Court or the Magistrates Court.
- (4) A transferred application must be dealt with as if it had been started in the tribunal or the relevant court and the tribunal or court may make any proper order for the further steps to be taken before it.
- (5) An order under this section has effect according to its tenor.

72 Injunctions to restrain dealings

- (1) The tribunal may, on application, by order, restrain a person from entering into, completing or registering or otherwise giving effect to a transaction with someone else in relation to the property of the other person if satisfied that there are grounds for the appointment of a manager for the property.
- (2) An order remains in force for the period, not longer than 3 days, that is specified in the order but if, within the period, an application for the appointment of a manager is made to the tribunal, the tribunal may, by order, continue the first order until the application is decided.
- (3) A person who has notice of an order under this section must not act contrary to the order.

Maximum penalty (subsection (3)): 50 penalty units, imprisonment for 6 months or both.

73 Acts and omissions of representatives

- (1) In this section:

person means an individual.

Note See the Criminal Code, pt 2.5 for provisions about corporate criminal responsibility.

representative, of a person, means an employee or agent of the person.

state of mind, of a person, includes—

- (a) the person's knowledge, intention, opinion, belief or purpose; and
 - (b) the person's reasons for the intention, opinion, belief or purpose.
- (2) This section applies to a prosecution for any offence against this Act.
- (3) If it is relevant to prove a person's state of mind about an act or omission, it is enough to show—
- (a) the act was done or omission made by a representative of the person within the scope of the representative's actual or apparent authority; and
 - (b) the representative had the state of mind.
- (4) An act done or omitted to be done on behalf of a person by a representative of the person within the scope of the representative's actual or apparent authority is also taken to have been done or omitted to be done by the person.
- (5) However, subsection (4) does not apply if the person establishes that reasonable precautions were taken and appropriate diligence was exercised to avoid the act or omission.

- (6) A person who is convicted of an offence cannot be punished by imprisonment for the offence if the person would not have been convicted of the offence without subsection (3) or (4).

74 Criminal liability of officers of corporation

- (1) If a corporation commits an offence against this Act, an executive officer of the corporation—
- (a) commits the offence; and
 - (b) is liable, on conviction, to a penalty not exceeding the maximum penalty that may be imposed for the commission of the offence by an individual.
- (2) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against subsection (1) that—
- (a) the defendant exercised due diligence to prevent the corporation from doing the act or making the omission alleged to constitute the offence or an element of the offence committed by the corporation; or
 - (b) an officer or employee of the corporation occupying the defendant's position could not reasonably have been expected to know of the contravention; or
 - (c) the corporation would not have been found guilty of the offence because of its being able to establish a defence available to it under this Act.
- (3) An executive officer may, under subsection (1), be prosecuted for and convicted of an offence whether or not the corporation has been prosecuted for or convicted of the offence.

75 Determination of fees

- (1) The Minister may, in writing, determine fees for this Act, including—

- (a) fees payable under section 15 to guardians or managers; and
- (b) fees payable under section 27 (4) by managers for the examination of accounts and documents by the public trustee.

Note The Legislation Act contains provisions about the making of determinations and regulations relating to fees (see pt 6.3).

- (2) A determination is a disallowable instrument.

Note A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.

77 Regulation-making power

- (1) The Executive may make regulations for this Act.

Note A regulation must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.

- (2) A regulation may make provision in relation to the making of applications to the tribunal.
- (3) A regulation may also prescribe offences for contraventions of a regulation and prescribe maximum penalties of not more than 10 penalty units for offences against a regulation.

Dictionary

(see s 2)

Note 1 The Legislation Act contains definitions and other provisions relevant to this Act.

Note 2 For example, the Legislation Act, dict, pt 1, defines the following terms:

- adult
- appoint
- domestic partner (see s 169)
- exercise
- function
- Magistrates Court
- oath.

decision-making principles—see section 5 (Principles to be followed by decision-makers).

deputy president means a deputy president of the tribunal.

electroconvulsive therapy—see the *Mental Health (Treatment and Care) Act 1994*, section 55.

executive officer, of a corporation, means a person, by whatever name called and whether or not the person is a director of the corporation, who is concerned with, or takes part in, the corporation's management.

guardian means someone who is a guardian under any of the following sections:

- section 7 (Appointment and powers of guardians)
- section 7A (Appointment of guardians under direction)
- section 12 (Recognition of interstate etc guardians and managers)
- section 32 (Surviving or substitute guardians etc).

impaired decision-making ability, for a person—see section 6.

inquiry means an inquiry under part 3.

judicial officer means a judge of the Supreme Court or a magistrate.

manager means a person who is a manager under any of the following sections:

- section 8 (Appointment and powers of managers)
- section 12 (Recognition of interstate etc guardians and managers)
- section 32 (Surviving or substitute guardians etc).

member, of the tribunal, means the president, a deputy president or a non-presidential member.

mental illness—see the *Mental Health (Treatment and Care) Act 1994*, dictionary.

neurosurgery means surgery on the brain of a person for the purpose of treating a pathological condition of the physical structure of the brain.

non-presidential member means a member of the tribunal who is not a presidential member.

non-regenerative tissue—see the *Transplantation and Anatomy Act 1978*, section 4 (1) (Interpretation for Act).

prescribed medical procedure means—

- (a) an abortion; or
- (b) reproductive sterilisation; or
- (c) a hysterectomy; or
- (d) a medical procedure concerned with contraception; or
- (e) removal of non-regenerative tissue for transplantation to the body of another living person; or
- (f) treatment for mental illness, electroconvulsive therapy or psychiatric surgery; or

(g) any other medical or surgical procedure prescribed for this definition.

president means the president of the tribunal.

presidential member means the president or a deputy president of the tribunal.

primary carer includes a family member or friend who is primarily responsible for providing support or care to a person other than completely or substantially on a commercial basis.

Note Property is defined in the Legislation Act, dict, pt 1.

psychiatric surgery—see the *Mental Health (Treatment and Care) Act 1994*, dictionary.

tribunal means the Guardianship and Management of Property Tribunal established by section 57.

trustee company—see the *Trustee Companies Act 1947*, dictionary.

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.

2 Abbreviation key

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

3 Legislation history

Guardianship and Management of Property Act 1991 No 62

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Registrar-General (Consequential Provisions) Act 1993 No 64 sch 1

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Public Sector Management (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Act 1994 No 38 sch 1

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sch 1 commenced 1 July 1994 (s 2 (2) and Gaz 1994 No S142)

Mental Health (Consequential Provisions) Act 1994 No 45 s 34

notified 7 September 1994 (Gaz 1994 No S177)
s 1, s 2 commenced 7 September 1994 (s 2 (1))
s 34 commenced 6 February 1995 (s 2 (2) and Gaz 1995 No S33)

Annual Reports (Government Agencies) (Consequential Provisions) Act 1995 No 25 sch

notified 5 September 1995 (Gaz 1995 No S212)
commenced 5 September 1995 (s 2)

Guardianship and Management of Property (Amendment) Act 1995 No 36

notified 31 October 1995 (Gaz 1995 No S266)
commenced 31 October 1995 (s 2)

Land Titles (Consequential Amendments) Act 1995 No 54 sch

notified 20 December 1995 (Gaz 1995 No S313)
commenced 20 June 1996 (s 2)

Endnotes

3 Legislation history

Legal Practitioners (Consequential Amendments) Act 1997 No 96 sch 1

notified 1 December 1997 (Gaz 1997 No S380)
s 1, s 2 commenced 1 December 1997 (s 2 (1))
sch 1 commenced 1 June 1998 (s 2 (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)

Courts and Tribunals (Audio Visual and Audio Linking) Act 1999 No 22 pt 7

notified 14 April 1999 (Gaz 1999 No S16)
s 1, s 2 commenced 14 April 1999 (s 2 (1))
pt 7 commenced 1 September 1999 (s 2 (2) and Gaz 1999 No 35)

Crimes (Amendment) Act 1999 No 32 s 32

notified 25 June 1999 (Gaz 1999 No S34)
ss 1-4 commenced 25 June 1999 (s 2 (1))
s 32 commenced 1 October 1999 (s 2 (2))

Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1999 No 66 sch 3

notified 10 November 1999 (Gaz 1999 No 45)
commenced 10 November 1999 (s 2)

Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2000 (No 2) No 2 sch

notified 9 March 2000 (Gaz 2000 No 10)
commenced 9 March 2000 (s 2)

Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2000 (No 3) No 17 sch 1

notified 1 June 2000 (Gaz 2000 No 22)
commenced 1 June 2000 (s 2)

Legislation (Consequential Amendments) Act 2001 No 44 pt 171

notified 26 July 2001 (Gaz 2001 No 30)
s 1, s 2 commenced 26 July 2001 (IA s 10B)
pt 171 commenced 12 September 2001 (s 2 and see Gaz 2001 No S65)

Guardianship and Management of Property Amendment Act 2001 No 78

notified LR 24 September 2001
commenced 24 September 2001 (s 2)

Legislation Amendment Act 2002 No 11 pt 2.25

notified LR 27 May 2002
s 1, s 2 commenced 27 May 2002 (LA s 75)
pt 2.25 commenced 28 May 2002 (s 2 (1))

Statute Law Amendment Act 2002 No 30 pt 3.35

notified LR 16 September 2002
s 1, s 2 taken to have commenced 19 May 1997 (LA s 75 (2))
pt 3.35 commenced 17 September 2002

Criminal Code 2002 No 51 pt 1.11

notified LR 20 December 2002
s 1, s 2 commenced 20 December 2002 (LA s 75 (1))
pt 1.11 commenced 1 January 2003 (s 2 (1))

Legislation (Gay, Lesbian and Transgender) Amendment Act 2003 A2003-14 sch1 pt 1.18

notified LR 27 March 2003
s 1, s 2 commenced 27 March 2003 (LA s 75)
sch 1 pt 1.18 commenced 28 March 2003 (s 2)

Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Act 2003 A2003-48 sch 2 pt 2.7

notified LR 31 October 2003
s 1, s 2 commenced 31 October 2003 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 2 pt 2.7 commenced 30 April 2004 (s 2 and LA s 79)

Criminal Code (Theft, Fraud, Bribery and Related Offences) Amendment Act 2004 A2004-15 sch 1 pt 1.21

notified LR 26 March 2004
s 1, s 2 commenced 26 March 2004 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 1 pt 1.21 commenced 9 April 2004 (s 2 (1))

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Court Procedures (Consequential Amendments) Act 2004 A2004-60 sch 1 pt 1.28

notified LR 2 September 2004
s 1, s 2 commenced 2 September 2004 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 1 pt 1.28 commenced 10 January 2005 (s 2 and see Court Procedures Act 2004 A2004-59, s 2 and CN2004-29)

Mental Health (Treatment and Care) Amendment Act 2005 A2005-48 sch 1 pt 1.3

notified LR 6 September 2005
s 1, s 2 commenced 6 September 2005 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 1 pt 1.3 commenced 7 September 2005 (s 2)

Criminal Code (Administration of Justice Offences) Amendment Act 2005 A2005-53 sch 1 pt 1.11

notified LR 26 October 2005
s 1, s 2 commenced 26 October 2005 (LA s 75 (1))
sch 1 pt 1.11 commenced 23 November 2005 (s 2)

Justice and Community Safety Legislation Amendment Act 2005 (No 4) A2005-60 sch 1 pt 1.17

notified LR 1 December 2005
s 1, s 2 taken to have commenced 23 November 2005 (LA s 75 (2))
sch 1 pt 1.17 commenced 22 December 2005 (s 2 (4))

4 Amendment history

Name of Act

s 1 sub 2001 No 78 amdt 1.1

Dictionary

s 2 orig s 2 om 2001 No 44 amdt 1.992
(prev 2A) ins 2001 No 78 amdt 1.2
sub 2002 No 30 amdt 3.398

Notes

s 3 orig s 3 am 2000 No 2 sch
(prev s 6) also renum as s 3 2001 No 78 amdt 1.9
both s 3 om 2002 No 30 amdt 3.399
ins 2002 No 30 amdt 3.400

Important concepts and principles

pt 1A hdg ins 2001 No 78 s 4

What are a person's interests?

s 4 defs reloc to dict 2001 No 78 amdt 1.5
 def **Crimes Act** sub 2000 No 2 sch
 om 2001 No 78 amdt 1.4
 def **doctor** om 2001 No 78 amdt 1.4
 def **guardian** om 2001 No 78 amdt 1.4
 def **lawyer** om 1997 No 96 sch 1
 def **manager** om 2001 No 78 amdt 1.4
 def **member** (1st definition) om 2001 No 78 amdt 1.4
 def **non-regenerative tissue** om 2001 No 78 amdt 1.4
 def **property** om 2001 No 78 amdt 1.4
 def **trustee company** om 2001 No 78 amdt 1.4
 om 2001 No 78 amdt 1.6
 ins 2001 No 78 s 4

Principles to be followed by decision-maker

s 5 prev s 5 renum and reloc as s 6A
 ins 2001 No 78 s 4

When does someone have impaired decision-making ability?

s 6 prev s 6 renum as s 3
 ins 2001 No 78 s 4

Appointment and powers

div 2.1 hdg (prev pt 2 div 1 hdg) renum R6 LA

Limits on finding impaired decision-making ability

s 6A hdg (prev s 5 hdg) sub 2001 No 78 amdt 1.7
 s 6A (prev s 5) renum and reloc 2001 No 78 amdt 1.8

Appointment and powers of guardians

s 7 am 1999 No 32 s 32
 sub 2001 No 78 s 5

Appointment of guardians under direction

s 7A ins 2001 No 78 s 5

Restriction on powers of guardians

s 7B ins 2001 No 78 s 5

Appointment and powers of managers

s 8 sub 2001 No 78 s 5

Restriction on power to appoint manager outside ACT

s 8A ins 2001 No 78 s 5

May a guardian or manager be appointed for a child?

s 8B ins 2001 No 78 s 5

Who may be appointed

s 9 am 2001 No 78 amdt 1.10

Endnotes

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Considerations affecting appointment

s 10 am 2000 No 2 sch; 2001 No 78 s 6, amdt 1.11; A2003-14
amdt 1.62; A2005-53 amdt 1.58

Powers to be least restrictive

s 11 am 2001 No 78 s 7

Recognition of interstate etc guardians and managers

s 12 am 2001 No 78 amdt 1.11

Restrictions on manager about property

s 14 sub 2001 No 78 s 8

Fees and expenses

s 15 am 2001 No 44 amdt 1.1993

Supervision

div 2.2 hdg (prev pt 2 div 2 hdg) renum R6 LA

Directions by tribunal

s 16 am 1998 No 54 sch; 2000 No 2 sch; 2001 No 78 amdt 1.12

Advice by tribunal

s 18 am 2000 No 2 sch

Matters relating to management

div 2.3 hdg (prev pt 2 div 3 hdg) renum R6 LA

Investments

s 24 am 1995 No 36 s 4; 2000 No 2 sch; 2001 No 78 amdt 1.13

Real estate

s 25 am 1993 No 64 sch 1; 1995 No 54 sch

Accounts

s 26 am 1998 No 54 sch; 2001 No 78 amdt 1.14, amdt 1.15

Examination of accounts

s 27 am 2001 No 44 amdt 1.1994; A2005-60 amdt 1.102

Cessation of guardianship or management

div 2.4 hdg (prev pt 2 div 4 hdg) renum R6 LA

Removal by tribunal

s 31 am 2000 No 2 sch

Procedure

div 3.1 hdg (prev pt 3 div 1 hdg) renum R6 LA

Sittings

s 34 am 2000 No 2 sch

Notice of inquiry

s 35 am 1999 No 66 sch 3; A2003-14 amdt 1.62

Appearance and representation

s 36 am 1997 No 96 sch 1; 2001 No 78 amdt 1.16

Appearance by audiovisual or audio links

s 36A ins 1999 No 22 s 14
am 2000 No 17 sch 1; 2001 No 78 amdt 1.17; A2003-48
amdt 2.8

Evidence

s 38 am 1999 No 66 sch 3; A2005-53 amdt 1.59

Authority for medical or other examinations

s 39 am 1999 No 66 sch 3

Assistance for tribunal

s 40 am 1997 No 96 sch 1; 2001 No 78 amdt 1.18

Power to obtain information and documents

s 41 am 1999 No 66 sch 3

Privileges against selfincrimination and exposure to civil penalty

s 41A ins A2005-53 amdt 1.60

Retention of documents

s 42 am 1999 No 66 sch 3; A2005-53 amdt 1.61

Form of orders

s 43 am 2001 No 78 amdt 1.19

Obtaining reasons for decisions

s 45 am 1999 No 66 sch 3

Miscellaneous

div 3.2 hdg (prev pt 3 div 2 hdg) renum R6 LA

Removal of people disrupting inquiries

s 48 am 1998 No 54 sch; 1999 No 66 sch 3; 2001 No 78 amdt 1.20

Prohibited publications

s 49 am 1998 No 54 sch; 1999 No 66 sch 3; 2001 No 78 amdt 1.21

Failure to answer questions etc

s 50 am 1998 No 54 sch; 2001 No 78 amdt 1.22; 2002 No 11
amdt 2.49; 2002 No 51 amdt 1.22
om A2005-53 amdt 1.62

Failure to attend before tribunal

s 51 am 1998 No 54 sch; 1999 No 66 sch 3
om A2005-53 amdt 1.62

Refusing to be sworn etc

s 52 am 1998 No 54 sch
om A2005-53 amdt 1.62

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False information etc

s 53 am 1998 No 54 sch; 2001 No 78 amdt 1.23
om A2005-53 amdt 1.62

Influencing participants in inquiry

s 54 am 1998 No 54 sch
om A2005-53 amdt 1.62

Application of Criminal Code, ch 7

s 55 am 1998 No 54 sch; 2000 No 2 sch
sub A2005-53 amdt 1.62

Appeals

div 3.3 hdg (prev pt 3 div 3 hdg) renum R6 LA

Appeals

s 56 am A2004-60 amdt 1.153, amdt 1.154

Establishment, functions and powers

div 4.1 hdg (prev pt 4 div 1 hdg) ins 2000 No 2 sch
renum R6 LA

Functions and powers

s 58 sub 1999 No 66 sch 3; 2000 No 2 sch
am 2001 No 78 amdts 1.24-1.26

Tribunal members

div 4.2 hdg (prev pt 4 div 2 hdg) ins 2000 No 2 sch
renum R6 LA

Membership of tribunal

s 59 sub 1999 No 66 sch 3; 2000 No 2 sch

Presidential members

s 60 am 1999 No 66 sch 3
sub 2000 No 2 sch

Non-presidential members

s 61 sub 2000 No 2 sch

Terms of appointment generally

s 62 sub 2000 No 2 sch

Matters to be included in instrument of appointment etc

s 63 am 1999 No 66 sch 3
sub 2000 No 2 sch

Duration of appointment

s 64 am 1994 No 38 sch 1
sub 2000 No 2 sch

Registrar and deputy registrars

div 4.3 hdg (prev pt 4 div 3 hdg) ins 2000 No 2 sch
renum R6 LA

Registrar and deputy registrars of tribunal

s 65 sub 2000 No 2 sch

Other provisions

div 4.4 hdg (prev pt 4 div 4 hdg) ins 2000 No 2 sch
renum R6 LA

Constitution of tribunal

s 66 am 1998 No 54 sch
sub 2000 No 2 sch

Role of president

s 66A ins 2000 No 2 sch

Deciding questions

s 66B ins 2000 No 2 sch

Protection of members etc

s 66C ins 2000 No 2 sch

Secrecy

s 66D ins 2000 No 2 sch

Emergency removal of disabled persons

s 68 am 1999 No 66 sch 3; A2005-53 amdt 1.63

Tribunal may consent to prescribed medical procedures

s 70 am 1994 No 45 s 34; A2005-48 amdt 1.6, amdt 1.7

Injunctions to restrain dealings

s 72 am 1998 No 54 sch; 2001 No 78 amdt 1.27

Acts and omissions of representatives

s 73 sub 2001 No 78 amdt 1.28; A2004-15 amdt 1.25

Criminal liability of officers of corporation

s 74 om 1998 No 54 sch
ins 2001 No 78 amdt 1.28

Determination of fees

s 75 sub 2001 No 44 amdt 1.1995

Annual report

s 76 om 1995 No 25 sch

Regulation-making power

s 77 am 1998 No 54 sch
sub 2000 No 2 sch
am 2001 No 44 amdt 1.1996, amdt 1.1997

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Transitional provisions about tribunal members

s 78 ins 2000 No 2 sch
exp 9 June 2000 (s 78 (4))

Dictionary

dict ins 2001 No 78 amdt 1.29
am 2002 No 30 amdt 3.401; A2003-14 amdt 1.63; A2005-53
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def **convulsive therapy** ins 1994 No 45 s 34
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om A2005-48 amdt 1.8
def **decision-making principles** ins 2001 No 78 amdt 1.29
def **deputy president** ins 1999 No 66 sch 3
reloc from s 4 2001 No 78 amdt 1.5
def **electroconvulsive therapy** ins A2005-48 amdt 1.9
def **executive officer** ins 2001 No 78 amdt 1.29
def **guardian** ins 2001 No 78 amdt 1.29
def **impaired decision-making ability** ins 2001 No 78
amdt 1.29
def **inquiry** reloc from s 4 2001 No 78 amdt 1.5
def **judicial officer** reloc from s 4 2001 No 78 amdt 1.5
def **manager** ins 2001 No 78 amdt 1.29
def **member** ins 2000 No 2 sch
reloc from s 4 2001 No 78 amdt 1.5
def **mental illness** ins A2005-48 amdt 1.9
def **neurosurgery** ins 1994 No 45 s 34
reloc from s 4 2001 No 78 amdt 1.5
def **non-presidential member** ins 1999 No 66 sch 3
reloc from s 4 2001 No 78 amdt 1.5
def **non-regenerative tissue** ins 2001 No 78 amdt 1.29
def **prescribed medical procedure** am 1994 No 45 s 34; pars
renum R6 LA (see 2001 No 78 amdt 1.3)
reloc from s 4 2001 No 78 amdt 1.5
am A2005-48 amdt 1.10
def **president** reloc from s 4 2001 No 78 amdt 1.5
def **presidential member** ins 1999 No 66 sch 3
reloc from s 4 2001 No 78 amdt 1.5
def **primary carer** ins 2001 No 78 amdt 1.29
def **psychiatric illness** ins 1994 No 45 s 34
reloc from s 4 2001 No 78 amdt 1.5
om A2005-48 amdt 1.11
def **psychiatric surgery** ins 1994 No 45 s 34
reloc from s 4 2001 No 78 amdt 1.5
sub A2005-48 amdt 1.12
def **spouse** reloc from s 4 2001 No 78 amdt 1.5
om A2003-14 amdt 1.64
def **tribunal** reloc from s 4 2001 No 78 amdt 1.5
def **trustee company** ins 2001 No 78 amdt 1.29

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