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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

(As presented)

(Mr Moore)

**Legislative Assembly (Broadcasting of
Proceedings) Bill 1995**

**A BILL
FOR**

**An Act to facilitate the broadcasting of proceedings
of the Legislative Assembly, and for other purposes**

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

Short title

- 5 **1.** This Act may be cited as the *Legislative Assembly (Broadcasting of Proceedings) Act 1995*.

Commencement

2. This Act commences on the day on which it is notified in the *Gazette*.

Interpretation

- 10 **3.** In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—
“Administration and Procedure Committee” means the Standing Committee on Administration and Procedure of the Legislative Assembly;

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“broadcast” means to transmit sound or visual images by radio, television, landline or any other electronic means.

Authorisation to broadcast proceedings

5 **4. (1)** The Administration and Procedure Committee may, in writing, authorise a person to broadcast—

- (a) proceedings of the Legislative Assembly or a committee of the Assembly; or
- (b) a recording of any such proceedings.

(2) An authorisation is subject to any conditions specified in it.

10 **(3)** The Administration and Procedure Committee may, in writing, vary or revoke an authorisation.

(4) An authorisation, or a variation or revocation of an authorisation, shall be signed by the Chairperson of the Administration and Procedure Committee.

15 **(5)** The Chairperson shall, within 5 sitting days of the Legislative Assembly after an authorisation is granted, varied or revoked, cause a copy of the authorisation, variation or revocation to be laid before the Assembly.

(6) The validity of an authorisation, or a variation or revocation of an authorisation, is not affected by a failure to comply with subsection (5).

20 **Unauthorised broadcasting of proceedings**

5. (1) A person shall not broadcast—

- (a) proceedings of the Legislative Assembly or a committee of the Assembly; or
- (b) a recording of any such proceedings;

25 unless he or she has been authorised to do so under subsection 4 (1).

(2) A person who has been granted an authorisation under subsection 4 (1) shall, in making a broadcast under the authorisation, comply with any conditions to which the authorisation is subject.

Penalty: 50 penalty units.

30 **No action for broadcasting proceedings**

6. (1) Subject to subsection (2), no proceedings, civil or criminal, lie against a person for broadcasting—

- (a) proceedings of the Legislative Assembly or a committee of the Assembly; or

(b) a recording of any such proceedings.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to proceedings for an offence against section 5.

NOTE

Penalty units

See section 33AA of the *Interpretation Act 1967*.

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