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Waste Management and Resource Recovery Bill 2016

A Bill for

An Act to provide for the minimisation of waste, the recovery, recycling and re-use of resources, and for other purposes

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

Preliminary Part 1 Name of Act 1 2 This Act is the Waste Management and Resource Recovery 3 Act 2016. 2 Commencement 5 (1) This Act commences on a day fixed by the Minister by written 6 notice. 7 The naming and commencement provisions automatically commence on 8 Note 1 9 the notification day (see Legislation Act, s 75 (1)). 10 A single day or time may be fixed, or different days or times may be fixed, for the commencement of different provisions (see Legislation 11 12 Act, s 77 (1)). (2) If this Act has not commenced before 1 July 2017, it automatically 13 commences on that day. 14 The Legislation Act, section 79 (Automatic commencement of 15 postponed law) does not apply to this Act. 16 3 **Dictionary** 17 The dictionary at the end of this Act is part of this Act. 18 The dictionary at the end of this Act defines certain terms used in this 19 Act, and includes references (signpost definitions) to other terms 20 21 defined elsewhere in this Act. For example, the signpost definition 'affected person for an original 22 decision, for part 15 (Reconsideration of decisions)—see section 112.' 23 means that the term 'affected person' is defined in that section for 24 25 part 15. A definition in the dictionary (including a signpost definition) applies to 26 Note 2 27 the entire Act unless the definition, or another provision of the Act, provides otherwise or the contrary intention otherwise appears (see 28 Legislation Act, s 155 and s 156 (1)). 29

1	4		Note	es
2			A no	te included in this Act is explanatory and is not part of this Act.
3 4			Note	See the Legislation Act, s 127 (1), (4) and (5) for the legal status of notes.
5	5		Offe	ences against Act—application of Criminal Code etc
6			Othe	er legislation applies in relation to offences against this Act.
7 8 9 10 11 12			Note	The Criminal Code, ch 2 applies to all offences against this Act (see Code, pt 2.1). The chapter sets out the general principles of criminal responsibility (including burdens of proof and general defences), and defines terms used for offences to which the Code applies (eg conduct, intention, recklessness and strict liability).
14 15 16			Note :	2 Penalty units The Legislation Act, s 133 deals with the meaning of offence penalties that are expressed in penalty units.
17	6		Rela	ationship with Emergencies Act 2004
18 19 20 21		(1)	relev the	Act does not apply to the exercise or purported exercise by a vant person of a function under the <i>Emergencies Act 2004</i> for purpose of protecting life or property, or controlling, aguishing or preventing the spread of a fire.
22		(2)	In th	is section:
23			emei	rgency service—see the Emergencies Act 2004, dictionary.
24			relev	vant person means—
25			(a)	the chief officer or a member of an emergency service; or
26 27			(b)	any other person under the control of the chief officer of an emergency service; or
28			(c)	a police officer.

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7 Relationship with other laws

This Act does not affect the operation of any other territory law.

Part 2	Objects and principles
8	Objects of Act
	The objects of this Act are to—
	(a) manage waste according to the following hierarchy:
	(i) minimise the generation of waste;
	(ii) maximise the recovery and re-use of resources;
	(iii) minimise the amount of waste that goes to landfill; and
	(b) support innovation and investment in waste management; and
	(c) promote responsibility for waste reduction; and
	(d) promote best-practice waste management.
9	Principles to be taken into account
(1)	The objects of this Act are to be achieved by taking into account the following principles:
	(a) the inter-generational equity principle;
	(b) the polluter pays principle;
	(c) the precautionary principle;
	(d) the proximity principle;
	(e) the waste minimisation principle.
(2)	In this section:
	inter-generational equity principle means that the present generation should ensure that the health, diversity and productivity of the environment is maintained or enhanced for the benefit of future generations.
	<i>polluter pays principle</i> means that polluters should bear the appropriate share of the costs that arise from their activities.
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<i>precautionary principle</i> means that, if there is a threat of serious or irreversible environmental damage, a lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent environmental degradation.
<i>proximity principle</i> means that waste and recovered resources should be managed as close to the source of generation as possible.
waste minimisation principle means that waste is handled in a way

that minimises and, if practicable, eliminates harm to the

1	Part 3	Important concepts
2	10	Meaning of waste
3		In this Act:
4		waste includes the following:
5 6 7 8		(a) any substance (whether solid, liquid or gaseous) that is discharged, emitted or deposited in the environment in such volume, constituency or manner as to cause an alteration in the environment;
9 10 11 12		(b) any discarded, rejected, unwanted, surplus or abandoned substance, whether or not intended for sale, recycling, reprocessing, recovery or purification by a separate operation from that which produced it;
13		(c) any other substance declared by regulation to be waste.
14	11	Meaning of waste activity
15		In this Act:
16		waste activity—
17 18		(a) means any of the following activities carried out by a waste management business:
19		(i) collecting waste;
20		(ii) transporting waste;
21 22		(iii) storing, sorting, treating, processing, or disposing of waste; and
23		Example—processing of waste
24		 generating energy from waste material
25 26		Example—disposing of wastedepositing waste in landfill
27 28		Note 1 Collecting or transporting waste is carried out by a waste transporter (see s 13).

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the storage, sorting, treatment, processing, or disposal of waste.

- 1 15 Meaning of waste facility licence
- 2 In this Act:
- waste facility licence means a licence issued under section 22.

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1	Part 5		Waste facility licences			
2	18		Requi	rement to hold a waste facility licence		
3 4			-	on must not operate a waste facility unless the person holds a facility licence.		
5 6			Note	Section 105 (Unauthorised waste activity) makes it an offence to operate a waste facility without a licence.		
7	19		Applic	cation for licence		
8		(1)	A perso	on may apply to the waste manager for a licence.		
9		(2)	The ap	pplication must—		
10			(a) be	e in writing; and		
11			(b) in	nclude any information prescribed by regulation.		
12 13			Note 1	Giving false or misleading information is an offence against the Criminal Code, s 338.		
14 15			Note 2	If a form is approved under s 125 for an application, the form must be used.		
16			Note 3	A fee may be determined under s 124 for an application.		
17	20		Waste	e manager may request more information		
18 19		(1)		aste manager may, by written notice, require an applicant for ce to give the waste manager more information—		
20 21				nat the waste manager believes on reasonable grounds to be aformation needed to decide the application; and		
22			(b) w	rithin a stated time; and		
23			(c) at	t a stated place.		
24 25		(2)		applicant does not comply with a requirement in the notice, ste manager may refuse to consider the application further.		
26			Note	A decision under this section is a reviewable decision (see s 117).		

1	21		Chang	ge of information must be provided
2		(1)		ection applies if the information in an application for a licence as before the application is decided.
4 5		(2)	-	oplicant must give the waste manager written notice of the lars of the change.
6	22		Decisi	ion about application for licence
7 8		(1)		aste manager must, not later than 56 days after the day the manager receives an application under section 19—
9			(a) ap	pprove the application; or
0			(b) re	efuse the application.
1			Note 1	A fee may be determined under s 124 for a licence.
2 3 4			Note 2	Failure to approve an application within the required time is taken to be a decision not to approve the application (see <i>ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008</i> , s 12).
5			Note 3	A decision under this section is a reviewable decision (see s 117).
6 7 8		(2)	manage	ver, before approving an application for a licence, the waste er must consult an entity, prescribed by regulation, before the manager approves a licence.
19 20 21 22			Note	Power to make a regulation includes power to make different provision in relation to different matters or different classes of matters, and to make a regulation that applies differently by reference to stated exceptions or factors (see Legislation Act, s 48).
23		(3)	Also, tl	he waste manager—
24 25			cc	ay approve the application only if satisfied that the applicant omplies, and is likely to continue to comply, with the
26			re	equirements of this Act; and

1		(b) may refuse the application if—
2		(i) the application is materially false or misleading; or
3 4 5		(ii) the applicant has, within 2 years before the application was made, committed an offence under this Act or a corresponding law of a State.
6 7 8		Note A reference to an Act includes a reference to the statutory instruments made or in force under the Act, including any regulation (see Legislation Act, s 104).
9 10 11	(4)	If the waste manager refuses the application, the waste manager must as soon as practicable tell the applicant, in writing, the reason for the refusal.
12		<i>Note</i> For how documents may be served, see the Legislation Act, pt 19.5.
13 14	(5)	If the waste manager approves the application the waste manager must, as soon as practicable after deciding the application—
15		(a) tell the applicant—
16		(i) that the application is approved; and
17 18		(ii) that the applicant must pay a fee for the licence (the <i>licence fee</i>) before the licence can be issued; and
19		(iii) the day the licence fee is due; and
20		(b) allocate a unique number for the licence; and
21 22		(c) as soon as practicable after the applicant has paid the licence fee—
23		(i) issue the licence; and
24		(ii) tell the applicant the unique number for the licence; and
25 26		(d) enter details for the licence in the register of waste facility licenses.

1	23		Licenc	e conditions
2			A liceno	ce is subject to—
3			(a) a c	condition that the licensee must comply with this Act; and
4 5			, ,	y other condition the waste manager imposes when issuing elicence.
6			Example	s—conditions—par (b)
7			1 stati	ng how food waste must be managed at a waste facility
8 9				osing time limits on the storage of skips after collection, before the skips to be taken to a waste facility
10			3 stati	ng that a waste facility may not receive certain types of waste
11 12				osing requirements about sorting or processing certain waste material re using the residual waste for energy generation
13			Note 1	A decision under this section is a reviewable decision (see s 117).
14 15 16			Note 2	A reference to an Act includes a reference to the statutory instruments made or in force under the Act, including any regulation (see Legislation Act, s 104).
17 18 19			Note 3	An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).
20	24		Form o	of licence
21		(1)	A liceno	ce must—
22			(a) be	in writing; and
23			(b) ind	clude the following information:
24			(i) the name of the licensee;
25			(ii	a unique identifying number;
26			(iii) the term of the licence;
27			(iv) the conditions on the licence;
28			(v	any other information prescribed by regulation.
29 30		(2)		ce may include any other information the waste manager rs relevant.

1	25		Register of waste facility licences
2		(1)	The waste manager must keep a register of waste facility licences.
3		(2)	The register must include—
4			(a) information, if any, prescribed by regulation; and
5			(b) any other information the waste manager considers relevant.
6		(3)	The waste manager—
7			(a) may correct an error or omission in the register; and
8			(b) must change a detail included in the register to keep the register accurate and up-to-date.
10		(4)	The waste manager—
11 12			(a) must make the register available to an authorised person at no cost; and
13			(b) may make the register available to any other person.
14 15 16			Note 1 The Territory privacy principles (the <i>TPPs</i>) apply to the waste manager (see <i>Information Privacy Act 2014</i> , sch 1). The TPPs deal with the collection, storage and exchange of personal information.
17			Note 2 A fee may be determined under s 124 for s (4) (b).
18	26		Licensee must update details
19 20		(1)	This section applies if, to the knowledge of a licensee, any of the information mentioned in section 25 (2) changes.
21 22		(2)	The licensee must tell the waste manager, in writing, about the change.
23	27		Licence not transferable
24 25			A licence issued to a licensee may not be transferred to another person.

1	28		Surrender of licence
2 3 4		(1)	A licensee may surrender a licence by giving the waste manager written notice (a <i>surrender notice</i>) of an intention to surrender the licence.
5		(2)	A surrender notice—
6			(a) must include the following information:
7			(i) the name of the licensee;
8			(ii) the unique number for the surrendered licence;
9			(iii) the day on which the surrender notice is given to the waste manager by the licensee;
1			(iv) any other information prescribed by regulation; and
2 3 4			(b) may nominate a day, that is on or after the day on which the surrender notice is given to the waste manager, on which the licensee wishes the surrender to take effect.
5 6		(3)	The surrender of a licence takes effect on whichever of the following happens first—
7			(a) the day that is—
18 19 20			(i) if the surrender notice does not nominate a day on which the surrender takes effect—28 days after the day the surrender notice is given to the waste manager; or
21			(ii) if the surrender notice does nominate a day on which the surrender takes effect—the later of—
23			(A) the nominated day; and
24 25			(B) the day the surrender notice is given to the waste manager; and

1		(b) if the licensee fails to pay the fee for the licence that is the
2		subject of the surrender notice on the day (the <i>payment day</i>)
3		the fee for the licence next becomes payable—the day after the
4		payment day.
5		<i>Note</i> The day on which a licence ends is determined under s 29.
6	29	Term of licence
7		A licence—
8		(a) begins on the day after the day the licence fee is paid; and
9		(b) ends on whichever of the following happens first:
10		(i) if the licence is surrendered—the day the surrender of the
11		licence takes effect under section 28 (Surrender of
12		licence);
13		(ii) if the licence is cancelled—the day the licence
14		cancellation takes effect under section 46 (4) (Taking
15		regulatory action);
16		(iii) if the licensee fails to pay the fee for the licence on the
17		day (the payment day) the fee for the licence next
18		becomes payable—the day after the payment day.

Part 6		Waste transporter registration			
30		Requi	rement to be registered as waste transporter		
		-	on must not operate as a waste transporter unless the person is red.		
		Note	Section 105 (Unauthorised waste activity) makes it an offence to carry on business as a waste transporter if not registered.		
31		Applic	cation to be registered		
	(1)	-	on may apply to the waste manager to be registered as a waste orter.		
	(2)	The ap	plication must—		
		(a) be	e in writing; and		
		(b) in	clude any information prescribed by regulation.		
		Note 1	Giving false or misleading information is an offence against the Criminal Code, s 338.		
		Note 2	If a form is approved under s 125 for an application, the form must be used.		
		Note 3	A fee may be determined under s 124 for an application.		
32		Waste	manager may request more information		
	(1)	applyir	aste manager may, by written notice, require an applicant ag to be registered to give the waste manager more ation—		
		. ,	at the waste manager believes on reasonable grounds to be formation needed to decide the application; and		
		(b) w	ithin a stated time; and		
		(c) at	a stated place.		
	(2)		applicant does not comply with a requirement in the notice, ste manager may refuse to consider the application further.		
		Note	A decision under this section is a reviewable decision (see s 117).		
	31	30 31 (1) (2) 32 (1)	A persor register Note 31 Application (1) A persor transport (2) The application (2) The application (3) between (4) the was applying information (5) with (6) with		

1	33		Change of information must be provided
2		(1)	This section applies if the information in an application under section 31 changes before the application is decided.
4 5		(2)	The applicant must give the waste manager written notice of the particulars of the change.
6	34		Decision about application for registration
7 8 9		(1)	The waste manager must, not later than 30 days after the day the waste manager receives an application under section 31 (Application to be registered)—
10 11			(a) approve the application subject to a condition prescribed by regulation; or
12			(b) refuse the application.
13			Note 1 A fee may be determined under s 124 for an application.
14 15 16			Note 2 Failure to approve an application is taken to be a decision refusing to approve the application (see ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008, s 12).
17			<i>Note 3</i> A decision under this section is a reviewable decision (see s 117).
18		(2)	However, the waste manager—
19 20 21			(a) may approve the application only if satisfied that the applicant complies, and is likely to continue to comply, with the requirements of this Act; and
22			(b) may refuse the application if—
23			(i) the application is materially false or misleading; or
24 25 26			(ii) the applicant has, within 2 years before the application was made, committed an offence under this Act or a corresponding law of a State.
27 28 29			Note A reference to an Act includes a reference to the statutory instruments made or in force under the Act, including any regulation (see Legislation Act, s 104).

1 2 3		(3)	If the waste manager refuses the application, the waste manager must as soon as practicable tell the applicant in writing the reason for the refusal.
4			Note For how documents may be served, see the Legislation Act, pt 19.5.
5 6		(4)	If the waste manager approves the application the waste manager must—
7 8			(a) as soon as practicable after deciding the application, tell the applicant—
9			(i) that the application is approved; and
10 11 12			(ii) that the applicant must pay a fee for the registration (the registration fee) before the applicant's details can be entered in the register; and
13			(iii) the day the registration fee is due; and
14 15			(b) as soon as practicable after the applicant has paid the registration fee—
16 17			(i) enter the applicant's details in the register of waste transporters; and
18 19			(ii) allocate a unique registration number (a <i>registration number</i>) for the registered person; and
20 21			(iii) tell the registered person, in writing, that the person has been registered and the person's registration number.
22			<i>Note</i> A fee may be determined under s 124 for registration.
23	35		Waste transporter must display registration number
24 25 26 27		(1)	A registered waste transporter must, within 30 days after being told the waste transporter's registration number, display the number clearly and permanently on any vehicle used by the registered waste transporter for transporting waste.
28 29		(2)	A regulation may prescribe requirements for the display of a registration number.

1	36		Entry in register not transferable		
2			The reg	distration of a waste transporter may not be transferred to person.	
4	37		Regist	er of waste transporters	
5 6		(1)	The wa	aste manager must keep a register of registered waste rters.	
7		(2)	The reg	ister must include—	
8			(a) inf	formation, if any, prescribed by regulation; and	
9			(b) any	y other information the waste manager considers relevant.	
10		(3)	The was	ste manager—	
11			(a) ma	y correct an error or omission in the register; and	
12 13				ast change information included in the register to keep the gister accurate and up-to-date.	
14		(4)	The was	ste manager—	
15 16				ast make the register available at no cost to an authorised rson; and	
17			(b) ma	y make the register available to any other person.	
18 19 20			Note 1	The Territory privacy principles (the <i>TPPs</i>) apply to the waste manager (see <i>Information Privacy Act 2014</i> , sch 1). The TPPs deal with the collection, storage and exchange of personal information.	
21			Note 2	A fee may be determined under s 124 for s (4) (b).	
22	38		Waste	transporter must update details	
23 24 25		(1)		ction applies if, to the knowledge of a registered waste ter, any of the information mentioned in section 37 (2)	
26 27		(2)	_	gistered waste transporter must tell the waste manager, in about the change.	

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1	39		Approval of GPS tracking device
2 3 4		(1)	The waste manager may, for section 40, approve a device that uses the global positioning system to keep track of the location of a motor vehicle.
5		(2)	An approval is a notifiable instrument.
6			<i>Note</i> A notifiable instrument must be notified under the Legislation Act.
7	40		GPS to be fitted to vehicles
8		(1)	This section applies if a registered waste transporter—
9 10			(a) has been convicted of an offence against this Act or a corresponding law of a State; or
11			(b) has had its entitlement to be registered suspended or cancelled.
12 13		(2)	The waste manager may, by written notice, require the registered waste transporter to ensure that—
14 15 16			(a) an approved GPS tracking device is installed, used and maintained, in the way stated in the notice, on a vehicle that is used by the registered waste transporter to transport waste; and
17			(b) the device is not tampered with.
18			<i>Note</i> A decision under this subsection is a reviewable decision (see s 117).
19		(3)	A person commits an offence if—
20			(a) the person is a registered waste transporter; and
21			(b) notice under subsection (2) is given to the person; and
22			(c) the person engages in conduct; and
23			(d) as a result of the conduct waste is transported in a vehicle; and
24 25 26			(e) the vehicle does not have an approved GPS tracking device installed and maintained as required in the notice mentioned in subsection (2).
27			Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.

1		(4)	A person commits an offence if—
2			(a) the person tampers with a GPS tracking device installed in a vehicle; and
4 5 6			(b) the device was installed, and is required to operate, in the vehicle in accordance with a notice mentioned in subsection (2).
7			Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.
8		(5)	In this section:
9 10			approved GPS tracking device means a device approved under section 39.
11 12	41		Termination of registration by registered waste transporter
12			•
13 14 15		(1)	A registered waste transporter may terminate its registration by giving the waste manager written notice of intention to terminate the registration (a <i>termination notice</i>).
13 14		(1) (2)	A registered waste transporter may terminate its registration by giving the waste manager written notice of intention to terminate the
13 14 15		` '	A registered waste transporter may terminate its registration by giving the waste manager written notice of intention to terminate the registration (a <i>termination notice</i>). A registration terminated in accordance with subsection (1) takes
13 14 15 16 17 18		` '	A registered waste transporter may terminate its registration by giving the waste manager written notice of intention to terminate the registration (a <i>termination notice</i>). A registration terminated in accordance with subsection (1) takes effect on whichever of the following happens first: (a) if the termination notice does not state a date on which the registration takes effect—the day that is 4 weeks after the day

1	42	Term of registration
2		A waste transporter's registration—
3 4		(a) begins on the day the waste manager enters the waste transporter's details in the register of waste transporters; and
5		(b) ends on whichever of the following happens first—
6 7 8 9		(i) if the registration is terminated—the day the termination of the registration takes effect under section 41 (Termination of registration by registered waste transporter); or
0 1 1 2		(ii) if the registration is cancelled—the day registration cancellation takes effect under section 46 (3) (Taking regulatory action); or
3 4 5		(iii) if the waste transporter fails to pay the next fee for the registration on or before the day (the <i>payment day</i>) on which the fee becomes payable—on the day after the
6		payment day.

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2	43	Definitions—pt 7
3		In this part:
4		regulatory action, against a person, means—
5		(a) if the person is a licensee—any of the following actions:
6		(i) imposing, or amending, a condition on the licence;
7		(ii) suspending the licence for either a fixed period or until a particular event happens;
9 10 11		 (iii) disqualifying the licensee from applying for another licence for a fixed period or until a particular event happens;
12		(iv) cancelling the licence; or
13 14		(b) if the person is a registered waste transporter—any of the following actions:
15		(i) imposing or amending a condition on the registration;
16 17		(ii) suspending the registration for either a fixed period or until a particular event happens;
18 19		(iii) disqualifying the person from applying for registration for a fixed period or until a particular event happens;
20		(iv) cancelling the registration of the person.
21		show cause notice—see section 45 (1).

1 2	44		Waste manager may consider regulatory action against person
3 4 5			The waste manager may consider taking regulatory action against a licensee, or a registered waste transporter, only if the waste manager is satisfied on reasonable grounds that—
6 7			(a) for action against a licensee—the person engaged in any of the following conduct:
8 9			(i) stopped operating a waste facility that is the subject of the licence;
0			(ii) used false or misleading information to obtain the licence;
1			(iii) contravened a condition of the licence;
2			(iv) failed to comply with a provision of this Act; or
3			(b) for action against a registered waste transporter—the registered waste transporter engaged in any of the following conduct:
5			(i) used false or misleading information to become a registered waste transporter;
7			(ii) contravened a condition of being registered;
8			(iii) failed to comply with a provision of this Act.
19 20 21			Note A reference to an Act includes a reference to the statutory instruments made or in force under the Act, including any regulation (see Legislation Act, s 104).
22	45		Notification of proposed regulatory action
23 24 25		(1)	If the waste manager proposes taking regulatory action against a person, the waste manager must give the person a written notice (a <i>show cause notice</i>) stating—
26 27			(a) the grounds on which, under section 44, the waste manager considers regulatory action may be taken; and
28			(b) details of the proposed regulatory action; and

1 2 3			(c) that the person may, not later than 14 days after the day the person is given the notice, give a written submission to the waste manager about the proposed regulatory action.
4 5 6		(2)	The waste manager must consider any submission received by the waste manager in response to the show cause notice when making a decision to take or not take regulatory action against the person.
7 8 9 10		(3)	However, subsection (2) does not apply if the waste manager gives the person an immediate suspension notice under section 48 (Immediate suspension of licence or registration if risk to public safety).
11	46		Taking regulatory action
12		(1)	This section applies if the waste manager—
13 14			(a) has considered a submission mentioned in section 45 (2) received from a person; and
15 16			(b) is satisfied on reasonable grounds that it is appropriate, in all the circumstances, to take the regulatory action.
17		(2)	The waste manager may—
18 19 20			(a) if the proposed regulatory action is imposing or amending a condition on a licence, or on a registration—impose or amend the condition; or
21 22			(b) if the proposed regulatory action is suspending a licence or a registration—take any of the following action:
23			(i) the action mentioned in paragraph (a);
24			(ii) suspend the licence or registration for a period; or
25 26 27			(c) if the proposed regulatory action is disqualifying a person from applying for a further licence or further registration—take any of the following action:
28			(i) the action mentioned in paragraph (b);
29 30			(ii) disqualify the person from applying for a further licence or further registration for a period; or

1		(d) if the proposed regulatory action is cancelling a licence or a registration—take any of the following action:
3		(i) the action mentioned in paragraph (c);
4		(ii) cancel the licence or registration.
5		<i>Note</i> A decision under this subsection is a reviewable decision (see s 117).
6 7 8	(3)	Before taking regulatory action against a person under this section the waste manager must tell the person, by written notice (a <i>notice of regulatory action</i>)—
9		(a) the regulatory action that will be taken; and
10 11		(b) the day on which the regulatory action takes effect (the <i>day of effect</i>).
12	(4)	Regulatory action takes effect against a person on the day of effect.
13	(5)	In this section:
14 15 16		proposed regulatory action , in relation to a person, means regulatory action mentioned in a show cause notice given to the person under section 45 (1).
17 47		Not taking regulatory action
18 19 20	(1)	This section applies if, after considering a submission under section 45 (2) received from a person, the waste manager is satisfied on reasonable grounds that regulatory action against the person—
21		(a) may not be taken; or
22 23		(b) may be taken, but that in all the circumstances it is not appropriate to take the action.
24 25 26	(2)	The waste manager must give the person written notice telling the person that regulatory action will not be taken against the person in relation to the matters raised in the show cause notice.

1 2	48		Immediate suspension of licence or registration if risk to public safety
3		(1)	This section applies if—
4 5			(a) the waste manager gives a show cause notice, under section 45 (1), to a person; and
6 7 8 9			(b) having regard to the grounds stated in the notice, the waste manager believes on reasonable grounds that the person's licence or registration in the register of waste transporters should be suspended immediately because of a risk to public safety.
11 12 13		(2)	The waste manager must give the person a written notice (an <i>immediate suspension notice</i>) suspending the person's licence or registration.
14 15		(3)	A suspension under this section takes effect when the immediate suspension notice is given to the licensee.
16		(4)	A suspension under this section ends—
17 18			(a) if regulatory action is taken against the person—when whichever of the following happens first:
19			(i) regulatory action takes effect;
20 21			(ii) 30 days after the day the immediate suspension notice is given to the person; or
22 23			(b) if regulatory action is not taken against the person—when whichever of the following happens first:
24 25			(i) when the person is given written notice of the waste manager's decision not to take regulatory action;
26 27			(ii) 30 days after the day the immediate suspension notice is given to the person.
28			Note A decision under this section is a reviewable decision (see s 117)

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1	49		Effect of suspension
2 3 4		(1)	A suspended licence or registration does not authorise the carrying on of any activity under the licence or registration during the suspension.
5 6 7		(2)	If the waste manager suspends a licence or registration, the person whose licence or registration is suspended is, during the suspension—
8			(a) taken not to—
9			(i) hold the licence; or
10			(ii) be registered; and
11			(b) disqualified from applying for a licence or registration.
12 13	50		Offence—fail to return amended, suspended or cancelled licence
14		(1)	A person commits an offence if—
15			(a) the person was issued a licence; and
16 17			(b) the waste manager decides to amend, suspend or cancel the licence in a decision made under this part; and
18 19 20 21			(c) the person fails to return the licence to the waste manager within 7 days after the day the person is given a reviewable decision notice under section 117 (Notice of decisions on reconsideration) about the decision.
22			Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.
23		(2)	An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.
24 25	51		Action by waste manager in relation to amended or suspended licence
26		(1)	This section applies if—
27			(a) a licence is amended or suspended under this part; and
28			(b) the licence is returned to the waste manager.

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1	(2)	For an amended licence, the waste manager must—					
2		(a) return the amended licence to the licensee; or					
3 4		(b) give the licensee a replacement licence that includes the amendment.					
5 6 7	(3)	For a suspended licence, if the suspension ends before the end of the term of the licence, the waste manager must return the licence to the licensee when the suspension ends.					

Part 8 Financial assurances

52		waste manager may require financial assurance
	(1)	The waste manager may require a licensee to provide a financial assurance to the waste manager if satisfied that the assurance is justified to ensure compliance with a licence.
	(2)	Before requiring a financial assurance under subsection (1), the waste manager must consider—
		(a) the nature of the waste activity; and
		(b) the compliance record of the licensee; and
		(c) the likelihood that remedial action will be necessary if the licensee fails to comply with a condition of the licence.
	(3)	A financial assurance must be in the form of—
		(a) an unconditional bank guarantee; or
		(b) a bond; or
		(c) an insurance policy; or
		(d) another form of security that the waste manager considers appropriate.
	(4)	The waste manager must not require a financial assurance of an amount greater than the total amount that the waste manager reasonably believes is necessary to remedy the foreseeable harm that could result from the failure to comply with the licence.
	(5)	A financial assurance must be provided—
		(a) for the period stated in the licence; or
		(b) if no period is stated, until the end of the licence.
	(6)	The waste manager may require the licensee to give a financial assurance under this part, even though the person has given a financial assurance under the <i>Environment Protection Act 1997</i> , division 9.4.
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1 2	53		Show cause why financial assurance should not be provided		
3 4 5 6		(1)	If the waste manager proposes to issue a licence subject to a condition requiring a financial assurance, the waste manager must give written notice of the waste manager's intention to impose the condition to the person who applies for the licence (the <i>applicant</i>).		
7		(2)	A notice under subsection (1) must—		
8			(a) state the grounds on which the condition is proposed; and		
9			(b) state the amount and form of the financial assurance proposed; and		
1			(c) invite the applicant to show cause why the condition should not be imposed; and		
3 4 5			(d) state the date, not earlier than 20 working days after the date of the notice, by which any representations under paragraph (c) must be made.		
6		(3)	Within 20 working days after the end of the period allowed under subsection (2) (d) for representations, the waste manager must—		
8			(a) tell the applicant whether or not the condition will be imposed; and		
20 21 22			(b) if it will be imposed—state in the notice the date, not earlier than 10 working days after the date of the notice, by which the financial assurance must be provided.		
23	54		Non-provision of financial assurance		
24			If a financial assurance required as a condition of a licence is not		
25 26			provided by the due date, the waste manager must cancel the		
26			licence.		

1	55		Claim on or realisation of financial assurance			
2		(1)	This section applies if the waste manager incurs, or will incur, costs and expenses in taking action to remedy harm—			
4 5			(a) caused, or likely to be caused, by failure to comply with a licence; and			
6 7			(b) that is within the class of harm in relation to which the financial assurance may be claimed or realised; and			
8			(c) that was not allowed under this Act.			
9 10 11		(2)	The waste manager may recover the reasonable costs and expenses of taking the action by making a claim on or realising the financial assurance or part of it.			
12 13	56		Notice before claim on or realisation of financial assurance			
14 15 16		(1)	Before acting under section 55 (2), the waste manager must give to the licensee in relation to which the financial assurance was provided, a written notice—			
17 18			(a) stating the harm caused, or likely to be caused, by the failure to comply with the licence; and			
19 20			(b) giving details of the action taken, or to be taken, to remedy the harm; and			
21 22			(c) stating the amount of the financial assurance to be claimed or realised; and			
23 24 25			(d) inviting the licensee to make a written representation to the waste manager by a stated date, not earlier than 20 working days after the date of the notice, to show why the financial			
26			assurance should not be claimed or realised as proposed.			

1 2 3		(2)	The waste manager must, within 20 working days after the date stated in the invitation under subsection (1) (d) and taking into account any representations made in response to the invitation—
4 5			(a) decide whether or not to make a claim on or realise the financial assurance or part of it; and
6			(b) give the licensee written notice of the decision.
7 5	7		Financial assurance not affect other action
8 9			A financial assurance may be called on and used, despite and without affecting—
10 11 12			(a) the liability of a licensee or former licensee to any penalty for an offence for a contravention to which the assurance relates; and
13 14 15			(b) any other action that might be taken or is required to be taken in relation to any contravention or other circumstances to which the assurance relates.
16 5	8		Recovery of extra costs
17 18 19 20 21		(1)	This section applies if the amount recovered by the waste manager by a claim on or by realising a financial assurance (the <i>realised assurance</i>) is less than the reasonable costs and expenses that the waste manager incurred or will incur in taking action to remedy the harm caused, or likely to be caused, by a failure to comply with a condition of a licence (the <i>reasonable costs and expenses</i>).
23 24 25		(2)	The waste manager may give the licensee written notice requiring the licensee to pay a stated amount that is the difference between the reasonable costs and expenses and the realised assurance.
26 27 28		(3)	The notice must state the date, not earlier than 20 working days after the date of the notice, by which the stated amount is required to be paid.

1		(4)	Subsection (4) applies if—
2			(a) the waste manager has given a licensee written notice under subsection (1); and
4 5			(b) the licensee has failed to pay the stated amount by the stated date.
6 7 8		(5)	Any part of the stated amount that remains unpaid, together with interest on the unpaid amount, is a debt due to the Territory by the holder.
9			<i>Note</i> A rate of interest may be determined under s 124 for s (4).
10	59		Money held by Territory as financial assurance
11 12 13		(1)	If an amount of money is held by the Territory as a financial assurance or part of a financial assurance in relation to a licence, the following provisions apply:
14 15 16			(a) interest accrues on so much of the original amount as from time to time remains unclaimed by the waste manager under section 55 (Claim on or realisation of financial assurance);
17			Note A rate of interest may be determined under s 124 for par (a).
18 19 20 21			(b) for any claim the waste manager may make under section 55, the financial assurance is taken to include any accrued interest other than interest to which the licensee is entitled to be paid under paragraph (c);
22 23 24 25 26			(c) during the period the financial assurance is required, on each anniversary of the payment of the original amount, the licensee is entitled to be paid by the Territory so much of the interest that accrued during the year that ended on the day before the anniversary as remains unclaimed by the waste manager under
27			section 55.

1	(2)	Subsect	tion (3)	applies	if—
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- (a) the financial assurance is no longer required by the waste manager; or
- (b) the licence has ended.
- (3) The Territory must pay to the licensee any part of the original amount and accrued interest that remains unclaimed by the waste manager under section 55.

Part 9 Codes of practice

2	60		Code o	Code of practice—approval			
3		(1)	The Min activity.	ister may approve a code of practice in relation to a waste			
5 6 7 8			1 code 2 code	—codes of practice in relation to a waste activity of practice for disposal of waste from a demolition or construction site of practice for collection, handling and treatment of putrescibles waste of practice for storage and placement for collection of domestic waste			
9 10 11			(An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).			
12 13		(2)		An approved code of practice may apply, adopt or incorporate as instrument, as in force from time to time.			
14 15 16 17			1	The text of an applied, adopted or incorporated instrument, whether applied as in force from time to time or at a particular time, is taken to be a notifiable instrument if the operation of the Legislation Act, as 47 (5) or (6) is not disapplied (see s 47 (7)).			
18			Note 2	A notifiable instrument must be notified under the Legislation Act.			
19 20				A reference to an instrument includes a reference to a provision of an instrument (see Legislation Act, s 14 (2)).			
21		(3)	An appro	oved code of practice is a disallowable instrument.			
22 23				A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.			
24	61		Failure	to comply with approved code of practice			
25		(1)	A person	a commits an offence if—			
26			(a) an a	approved code of practice applies to the person; and			
27			(b) the	person engages in conduct; and			
28 29			• •	conduct results in a failure to comply with a requirement of approved code of practice; and			

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		(d) the person is reckless about whether the conduct complies with the approved code of practice.
		Maximum penalty: 100 penalty units.
	(2)	A person commits an offence if—
		(a) an approved code of practice applies to the person; and
		(b) the person fails to comply with a requirement of the approved code of practice.
		Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.
	(3)	An offence against subsection (2) is a strict liability offence.
	(4)	Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply if—
		(a) a written direction has been given to the person under section 62 in relation to the requirement; and
		(b) the person has complied with the direction.
		Note The defendant has an evidential burden in relation to the matters mentioned in s (4) (see Criminal Code, s 58).
62		Direction to comply with approved code
	(1)	An authorised person may give a person a written direction to rectify a breach of an approved code of practice if the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds that—
		(a) the person has been, is or is likely to be, in breach of a requirement of the code; and
		(b) the person has not previously been convicted, or found guilty, of an offence under section 61.
	(2)	A direction must—
		(a) state the requirement of the approved code of practice that has been breached and the conduct constituting the breach; and
		(b) state a reasonable time within which the direction must be complied with; and
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- (c) include a statement that the person may be prosecuted under section 61 if the person fails to comply with the direction.
 - (3) The authorised person may withdraw a written direction if, after giving the direction to a person, the authorised person discovers that the person has previously been convicted, or found guilty, of an offence under section 61.

Part 10 Reporting

63 Waste activity report 2 (1) A licensee or registered waste transporter must give the waste 3 manager a report (a waste activity report), in writing, about waste activities carried out in a reporting period. Note If a form is approved under s 125 for this provision, the form must be 6 (2) The report must— (a) contain information prescribed by regulation; and 9 (b) be given to the waste manager not later than 1 month after the 10 end of the reporting period. 11 (3) In this section: 12 reporting period means the period prescribed by regulation. 13 64 Offence—fail to report to waste manager 14 (1) A person commits an offence if the person— 15 (a) is required to give the waste manager a report under section 63; 16 17 fails to give the report to the waste manager in accordance with 18 section 63 (2). 19 Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units. 20 An offence against this section is a strict liability offence. 21

Part 11 Exemptions

2	65		Declaration exempting person or activity
3 4		(1)	The waste manager may, on application or on the manager's own initiative, declare the following exempt from a provision of this Act:
5			(a) a person or class of people;
6			(b) waste activity of a particular kind or generally.
7 8			Note 1 If a form is approved under s 125 for an application, the form must be used.
9			Note 2 A fee may be determined under s 124 for an application.
10 11 12			Note 3 A reference to an Act includes a reference to the statutory instruments made or in force under the Act, including any regulation (see Legislation Act, s 104).
13		(2)	A declaration under subsection (1) may be made only—
14			(a) in an emergency; or
15			Examples—emergency
16			• fire
17			 flood
18			• fuel shortage
19 20 21			Note An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).
22			(b) if the waste manager is satisfied that—
23			(i) it is not practicable to comply with the provision; and
24 25 26			(ii) noncompliance with the provision will not have any significant adverse effect on public health, property or the environment.
27			<i>Note</i> A decision under this section is a reviewable decision (see s 117).
28		(3)	An exemption in a declaration may include conditions.

1		(4)	A dec	A declaration—		
2					n circumstances mentioned in subsection (2) (a)—is a ble instrument; and	
4 5			1	Vote	A notifiable instrument must be notified under the Legislation Act.	
6 7			. ,		n circumstances mentioned in subsection (2) (b)—is a wable instrument.	
8 9			1	Vote	A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.	
0		(5)			on made in an emergency may commence when it is a later date stated in the declaration.	
2	66		Rene	Renewal of declaration		
3		(1)	The w	aste m	nanager may renew a declaration.	
4 5 6		(2)	after t	he exp	on, under a declaration, given to a person within 5 years arrived for an earlier exemption, and in the same terms as the ption, is taken to be a renewal of the earlier exemption.	
7	67		Term	of de	eclaration	
8					on, including renewal of the declaration, may not be in otal period of more than 5 years.	

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2 Division 12.1 Directions

(1)	This section applies if the waste manager believes on reasonable
	grounds that a person is contravening this Act, a condition of
	licence or a condition of registration as a waste transporter.

Direction to stop contravening Act etc

Note A reference to an Act includes a reference to the statutory instruments made or in force under the Act, including any regulation (see Legislation Act, s 104).

(2) The waste manager may direct the person to comply with this Act, or the condition by doing, or not doing, a thing (a *compliance direction*).

Note A decision under this section is a reviewable decision (see s 117).

- (3) A compliance direction may require the person to carry out remedial action if the waste manager considers the action is necessary to restore land that is damaged because of the person's contravention.
- (4) A compliance direction must be in writing and state—
 - (a) the thing required to be done, or not done; and
 - (b) the period for compliance with the direction.

Note The power to make a direction includes the power to amend or repeal the direction. The power to amend or repeal the direction is exercisable in the same way, and subject to the same conditions, as the power to make the direction (see Legislation Act, s 46).

69 Directions—stockpiling materials and delivering waste

- (1) The waste manager may give a person directions in relation to the following:
 - (a) stockpiling waste;
 - (b) delivering waste to a named waste facility;
- (c) an activity prescribed by regulation.

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1 2 3 4		(2)	The waste manager may give a person a direction under subsection (1) (b) even though the direction is contrary to the person's obligation in relation to the delivery of the waste under a licence.
5			<i>Note</i> A decision under this section is a reviewable decision (see s 117).
6		(3)	A direction must be in writing and state—
7			(a) the thing required to be done, or not done; and
8			(b) the period for compliance with the direction.
9 10 11 12			Note The power to make a direction includes the power to amend or repeal the direction. The power to amend or repeal the direction is exercisable in the same way, and subject to the same conditions, as the power to make the direction (see Legislation Act, s 46).
13	70		Offence—fail to comply with direction
14		(1)	A person commits an offence if—
15 16			(a) the waste manager gives the person a direction under section 68 or section 69; and
17			(b) the person fails to comply with the direction.
18			Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.

(2) An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

Division 12.2 Authorised people

Subdivision 12.2.1 General

71	Definitions—div 12.2
	In this division:
	connected—a thing is connected with an offence if—
	(a) the offence has been committed in relation to it; or
	(b) it will provide evidence of the commission of the offence; or
	(c) it was used, is being used, or is intended to be used, to commit the offence.
	occupier, of premises, includes—
	(a) a person believed on reasonable grounds to be an occupier of the premises; and
	(b) a person apparently in charge of the premises.
	offence includes an offence that there are reasonable grounds for believing has been, is being, or will be, committed.
	premises includes land.
	<i>warrant</i> means a warrant issued under subdivision 12.2.3 (Search warrants).
72	Appointment
	The director-general may appoint a public servant as an authorised person for this Act.
	Note 1 For the making of appointments (including acting appointments), see the Legislation Act, pt 19.3.
	Note 2 In particular, a person may be appointed for a particular provision of a law (see Legislation Act, s 7 (3)) and an appointment may be made by naming a person or nominating the occupant of a position (see Legislation Act, s 207).

1	73		Identity cards
2 3 4		(1)	The director-general must give each authorised person an identity card that states the person's name and appointment as an authorised person, and shows—
5			(a) a recent photograph of the person; and
6			(b) the date of issue of the card; and
7			(c) the date of expiry of the card; and
8			(d) anything else prescribed by regulation.
9		(2)	A person commits an offence if the person—
10			(a) stops being an authorised person; and
11 12 13			(b) does not return the person's identity card to the director-general as soon as practicable (but within 7 days) after the day the person stops being an authorised person.
14			Maximum penalty: 1 penalty unit.
15 16		(3)	Subsection (2) does not apply to a person if the person's identity card is—
17			(a) lost or stolen; or
18			(b) destroyed by someone else.
19		(4)	An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.
20 21	74		Authorised person must show identity card on exercising power
22 23 24		(1)	If an authorised person exercises a power under this Act that affects an individual, the authorised person must first show the authorised person's identity card to the individual.

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(2) If an authorised person exercises a power under this Act that affects a person, other than an individual, the authorised person must first show the authorised person's identity card to an individual the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds is an employee, officer or agent of the person.

Example—person other than an individual

- corporation
- partnership

Note An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).

Subdivision 12.2.2 Powers

75 Power to enter premises

- (1) For this Act, an authorised person may—
 - (a) at any reasonable time, enter premises that the public is entitled to use or that are open to the public (whether or not on payment of money); or
 - (b) at any time, enter premises with the occupier's consent; or
- (c) at any time, enter premises if the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds that—
 - (i) there is a risk to the environment or to public health and safety; and
 - (ii) the risk is so serious and urgent that immediate entry to the premises without the authority of a search warrant is necessary; or
 - (d) enter premises in accordance with a search warrant.

1	(2)	However—
2		(a) subsection (1) (a) does not authorise entry into a part of the premises that is being used only for residential purposes; and
4 5 6 7		(b) subsection (1) (c) does not authorise entry into premises that are used for residential purposes, unless the premises are also the place from which a waste management business is conducted.
3 9 0	(3)	An authorised person may, without the consent of the occupier of premises, enter land around the premises to ask for consent to enter the premises.
1 2 3	(4)	To remove any doubt, an authorised person may enter premises under subsection (1) without payment of an entry fee or other charge.
4	(5)	An authorised person may—
5 6		(a) for subsection (1) (a), (b) or (c)—enter the premises with necessary assistance; and
7 8		(b) for subsection (1) (d)—enter the premises with necessary assistance and force.
9 0 1		<i>Note</i> A search warrant to enter premises, issued under this Act, permits an authorised person to enter premises with any necessary assistance and force.
2	(6)	In this section:
3 4 5 6		<i>necessary assistance</i> , for an authorised person entering premises, includes the attendance of 1 or more people who, in the opinion of the authorised person, have knowledge or skills that could assist the authorised person carry out his or her function.
7 76	6	Production of identity card
8 9 0		An authorised person and any other person other than a police officer who is accompanying the authorised person may not remain at premises entered under this part if the authorised person does not

produce his or her identity card when asked by the occupier.

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1	77		Consent to entry
2 3 4		(1)	When seeking the consent of an occupier to enter premises under section 75 (1) (b) (Power to enter premises), an authorised person must—
5			(a) produce his or her identity card; and
6			(b) tell the occupier—
7			(i) the purpose of the entry; and
8 9			(ii) the reason for, and identity of, any other person accompanying the authorised person; and
10 11			(iii) that anything found and seized under this part may be used in evidence in court; and
12			(iv) that consent may be refused.
13 14 15		(2)	If the occupier consents, the authorised person must ask the occupier to sign a written acknowledgment (an <i>acknowledgment of consent</i>)—
16			(a) that the occupier was told—
17			(i) the purpose of the entry; and
18 19			(ii) the reason for, and identity of, any other person accompanying the authorised person; and
20 21			(iii) that anything found and seized under this part may be used in evidence in court; and
22			(iv) that consent may be refused; and
23			(b) that the occupier consented to the entry; and
24			(c) stating the time and date when consent was given.
25 26		(3)	If the occupier signs an acknowledgment of consent, the authorised person must immediately give a copy to the occupier.

1 2		(4)	A court must find that the occupier did not consent to entry to the premises by the authorised person under this part if—
3 4			(a) the question whether the occupier consented to the entry arises in a proceeding in the court; and
5 6			(b) an acknowledgment of consent for the entry is not produced in evidence; and
7			(c) it is not proved that the occupier consented to the entry.
8	78		General powers on entry to premises
9		(1)	An authorised person who enters premises under this part may, for this Act, do 1 or more of the following in relation to the premises or anything at the premises:
2			(a) inspect or examine;
3			(b) take measurements or conduct tests;
4			(c) take samples;
5 6			(d) make sketches, drawings or any other kind of record (including photographs, films, audio, video or other recordings);
7 8 9			(e) require the occupier, or anyone at the premises, to give the authorised person reasonable help to exercise a power under this part.
20 21			Note The Legislation Act, s 170 and s 171 deal with the application of the privilege against self-incrimination and client legal privilege.
22 23		(2)	A person must take all reasonable steps to comply with a requirement made of the person under subsection (1) (e).
24			Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.
25	79		Power to seize things
26 27 28 29		(1)	An authorised person who enters premises under this part with the occupier's consent may seize anything at the premises if seizure of the thing is consistent with the purpose of the entry told to the occupier when seeking the occupier's consent.

1 2 3	(2)	An authorised person who enters premises under a warrant under this part may seize anything at the premises that the authorised person is authorised to seize under the warrant.
4 5 6	(3)	An authorised person who enters premises under this part (whether with the occupier's consent, under a warrant or otherwise) may seize anything at the premises if satisfied on reasonable grounds that—
7		(a) the thing is connected with an offence against this Act; and
8		(b) the seizure is necessary to prevent the thing from being—
9		(i) concealed, lost or destroyed; or
0		(ii) used to commit, continue or repeat the offence.
1	(4)	Having seized a thing, an authorised person may—
3		(a) remove the thing from the premises where it was seized (the <i>place of seizure</i>) to another place; or
4		(b) leave the thing at the place of seizure but restrict access to it.
5	(5)	A person commits an offence if—
6 7 8		(a) the person interferes with a seized thing, or anything containing a seized thing, to which access has been restricted under subsection (4); and
19		(b) the person does not have an authorised person's approval to interfere with the thing.
21		Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.
22	(6)	An offence against subsection (5) is a strict liability offence.

1	80		Direction to give name and address
2		(1)	This section applies if an authorised person believes on reasonable grounds that a person—
4 5			(a) has committed, is committing or is about to commit an offence against this Act; or
6 7			(b) may be able to assist in the investigation of an offence against this Act.
8 9 10			Note A reference to an Act includes a reference to the statutory instruments made or in force under the Act, including any regulation (see Legislation Act, s 104).
11 12 13		(2)	The authorised person may direct the person to give the authorised person, immediately, any of the following personal details (a <i>name and address direction</i>):
14			(a) the person's full name;
15			(b) the person's home address.
16 17			Note 1 The authorised person must first show the person the authorised person's identity card (see s 74).
18 19 20 21			Note 2 The power to make a direction includes the power to amend or repeal the direction. The power to amend or repeal the direction is exercisable in the same way, and subject to the same conditions, as the power to make the direction (see Legislation Act, s 46).
22 23 24 25 26		(3)	If the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds that a personal detail given by a person in response to a name and address direction is false or misleading, the authorised person may direct the person to produce evidence immediately of the correctness of the detail (an <i>evidence direction</i>).
27 28 29		(4)	If an authorised person gives a direction to a person, the authorised person must tell the person that it is an offence if the person fails to comply with the direction.

1 2 3 4		(5)	person must give the direction in a language, or in a way of communicating, that the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds the person is likely to understand.
5 6	81		Offence—fail to comply with direction to give name and address
7		(1)	A person commits an offence if the person—
8			(a) is the subject of—
9			(i) a name and address direction; or
10			(ii) an evidence direction; and
11			(b) fails to comply with the direction.
12			Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.
13 14			<i>Note</i> It is an offence to make a false or misleading statement or give false or misleading information (see Criminal Code, pt 3.4).
15		(2)	An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.
16 17		(3)	This section does not apply to a person if the authorised person, before giving the direction, did not—
18 19			(a) produce the authorised person's identity card for inspection by the person; or
20 21			(b) warn the person that failure to comply with the direction is an offence.
22 23			Note The defendant has an evidential burden in relation to the matters mentioned in s (3) (see Criminal Code, s 58).
24		(4)	In this section:
25 26			direction means a name and address direction or an evidence direction.
27			evidence direction—see subsection 80 (3).
28			name and address direction—see subsection 80 (2).

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Subdivision 12.2.3 Search warrants

2	82		Warrants generally
3 4		(1)	An authorised person may apply to a magistrate for a warrant to enter premises.
5		(2)	The application must—
6			(a) be sworn; and
7			(b) state the grounds on which the warrant is sought.
8 9 10 11		(3)	The magistrate may refuse to consider the application until the authorised person gives the magistrate all the information the magistrate requires about the application in the way the magistrate requires.
12 13		(4)	The magistrate may issue a warrant only if satisfied there are reasonable grounds for suspecting—
14 15			(a) there is a particular thing or activity connected with an offence against this Act; and
16			(b) the thing or activity—
17			(i) is, or is being engaged in, at the premises; or
18 19			(ii) may be, or may be engaged in, at the premises within the next 14 days.
20		(5)	The warrant must state—
21 22 23			(a) that an authorised person may, with any necessary assistance and force, enter the premises and exercise the authorised person's powers under this part; and
24			(b) the offence for which the warrant is issued; and
25			(c) the things that may be seized under the warrant; and
26			(d) the hours when the premises may be entered; and
27 28			(e) the date, within 14 days after the day of the warrant's issue, when the warrant ends.

1	83	Warrants—application other than in person
2 3 4	(1)	An authorised person may apply for a warrant by phone, fax, radio, email, letter or other form of communication if the authorised person considers it necessary because of—
5		(a) urgent circumstances; or
6		(b) other special circumstances.
7 8	(2)	Before applying for the warrant, the authorised person must prepare an application stating the grounds on which the warrant is sought.
9 10	(3)	The authorised person may apply for the warrant before the application is sworn.
11 12	(4)	After issuing the warrant, the magistrate must immediately give a copy to the authorised person if it is practicable to do so.
13 14	(5)	If it is not practicable to give a copy of the warrant to the authorised person—
15		(a) the magistrate must tell the authorised person—
16		(i) what the terms of the warrant are; and
17		(ii) the date and time the warrant was issued; and
18 19		(b) the authorised person must complete a form of warrant (the <i>warrant form</i>) and write on it—
20		(i) the magistrate's name; and
21		(ii) the date and time the magistrate issued the warrant; and
22		(iii) the warrant's terms.
23 24 25	(6)	The copy of the warrant, or the warrant form properly completed by the authorised person, authorises the entry and the exercise of the authorised person's powers under this part.
26 27	(7)	The authorised person must, at the first reasonable opportunity, send to the magistrate—
28		(a) the sworn application; and

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2			(b) if the authorised person completed a warrant form—the completed warrant form.
3 4		(8)	On receiving the documents mentioned in subsection (7), the magistrate must attach them to the warrant.
5 6		(9)	A court must find that a power exercised by an authorised person was not authorised by a warrant under this section if—
7 8			(a) the question arises in a proceeding before the court whether the exercise of power was authorised by a warrant; and
9			(b) the warrant is not produced in evidence; and
10 11			(c) it is not proved that the exercise of power was authorised by a warrant under this section.
12	84		Search warrants—announcement before entry
13 14		(1)	An authorised person must, before anyone enters premises under a search warrant—
15			(a) announce that the authorised person is authorised to enter the premises; and
16			premises, and
16 17 18			(b) give anyone at the premises an opportunity to allow entry to the premises; and
17			(b) give anyone at the premises an opportunity to allow entry to
17 18 19 20		(2)	(b) give anyone at the premises an opportunity to allow entry to the premises; and(c) if the occupier of the premises, or someone else who apparently represents the occupier, is present at the premises—
17 18 19 20 21 22 23		(2)	 (b) give anyone at the premises an opportunity to allow entry to the premises; and (c) if the occupier of the premises, or someone else who apparently represents the occupier, is present at the premises—identify himself or herself to the person. The authorised person is not required to comply with subsection (1) if the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds that

1	85	Details of search warrant to be given to occupier etc
2 3 4 5		If the occupier of the premises, or someone else who apparently represents the occupier, is present at the premises while a search warrant is being executed, the authorised person or a person assisting must make available to the person—
6		(a) a copy of the warrant; and
7		(b) a document setting out the rights and obligations of the person.
8	86	Occupier entitled to be present during search etc
9 10 11 12	(1) If the occupier of the premises, or someone else who apparently represents the occupier, is present at the premises while a search warrant is being executed, the person is entitled to observe the search being conducted.
13	(2	However, the person is not entitled to observe the search if—
14		(a) to do so would impede the search; or
15 16 17		(b) the person is under arrest, and allowing the person to observe the search being conducted would interfere with the objectives of the search.
18 19	(3	This section does not prevent 2 or more areas of the premises being searched at the same time.
20	Subdiv	vision 12.2.4 Return and forfeiture of things seized
21	87	Receipt for things seized
22 23 24	(1) As soon as practicable after a thing is seized by an authorised person under this part, the authorised person must give a receipt for it to the person from whom it was seized.
25 26 27	(2	If, for any reason, it is not practicable to comply with subsection (1), the authorised person must leave the receipt, secured conspicuously at the place of seizure under section 79 (Power to seize things).

1		(3)	A receipt under this section must include the following:
2			(a) a description of the thing seized;
3			(b) an explanation of why the thing was seized;
4 5			(c) the authorised person's name, and how to contact the authorised person;
6 7			(d) if the thing is moved from the premises where it is seized—where the thing is to be taken.
8	88		Moving things to another place for examination or processing under search warrant
10 11 12		(1)	A thing found at premises entered under a search warrant may be moved to another place for examination or processing to decide whether it may be seized under the warrant if—
13			(a) both of the following apply:
14 15			(i) there are reasonable grounds for believing that the thing is or contains something to which the warrant relates;
16 17 18 19			 (ii) it is significantly more practicable to do so having regard to the timeliness and cost of examining or processing the thing at another place and the availability of expert assistance; or
20			(b) the occupier of the premises agrees in writing.
21 22		(2)	The thing may be moved to another place for examination or processing for not longer than 72 hours.
23 24 25		(3)	An authorised person may apply to a magistrate for an extension of time if the authorised person believes on reasonable grounds that the thing cannot be examined or processed within 72 hours.
26 27 28		(4)	The authorised person must give notice of the application to the occupier of the premises, and the occupier is entitled to be heard on the application.

1 2		(5)	If a thing is moved to another place under this section, the authorised person must, if practicable—
3 4 5			(a) tell the occupier of the premises the address of the place where, and time when, the examination or processing will be carried out; and
6 7			(b) allow the occupier or the occupier's representative to be present during the examination or processing.
8 9 10		(6)	The provisions of this part relating to the issue of search warrants apply, with any necessary changes, to the giving of an extension under this section.
11	89		Access to things seized
12 13			A person who would, apart from the seizure, be entitled to inspect a thing seized under this part may—
14			(a) inspect the thing; and
15			(b) photograph the thing; and
16 17			(c) if the thing is a document—take extracts from, or make copies of, the thing.
18	90		Return of things seized
19 20 21		(1)	A thing seized under this part must be returned to its owner, or reasonable compensation must be paid to the owner by the Territory for the loss of the thing, if—
22 23 24			(a) an infringement notice for an offence connected with the thing is not served on the owner within 1 year after the day of the seizure and either—
25 26			(i) a prosecution for an offence connected with the thing is not begun within the 1-year period; or
27 28 29			(ii) a prosecution for an offence connected with the thing is begun within the 1-year period but the court does not find the offence proved; or

1 2 3	(b) an infringement notice for an offence connected with the thing is served on the owner within 1 year after the day of the seizure, the infringement notice is withdrawn and—
4 5	(i) a prosecution for an offence connected with the thing is not begun within 1 year after the day of the seizure; or
6 7 8	(ii) a prosecution for an offence connected with the thing is begun within 1 year after the day of the seizure but the court does not find the offence proved; or
9 0 1 2 3	(c) an infringement notice for an offence connected with the thing is served on the owner within 1 year after the day of the seizure, liability for the offence is disputed in accordance with the <i>Magistrates Court Act 1930</i> , section 132 (Disputing liability for infringement notice offence) and—
4 5 6	(i) an information is not laid in the Magistrates Court against the person for the offence within 60 days after the day notice is given under that section; or
7	(ii) the Magistrates Court does not find the offence proved.
(2) 9 20	If anything seized under this part is not required to be returned or reasonable compensation is not required to be paid under subsection (1), the thing—
21	(a) is forfeited to the Territory; and
22	(b) may be sold, destroyed or otherwise disposed of as the waste manager directs.

Subdivision 12.2.5 Miscellaneous

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91 Damage etc to be minimised

(1) In the exercise, or purported exercise, of a function under this part, an authorised person must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the authorised person, and any person assisting the authorised person, causes as little inconvenience, detriment and damage as is practicable.

make the order.

(2) If an authorised person, or a person assisting an authorised person, 1 damages anything in the exercise or purported exercise of a function 2 under this part, the authorised person must give written notice of the 3 particulars of the damage to the person whom the authorised person 4 believes on reasonable grounds is the owner of the thing. 5 (3) If the damage happens at premises entered under this part in the 6 absence of the occupier, the notice may be given by leaving it 7 secured in a conspicuous place at the premises. 8 92 Compensation for exercise of enforcement powers 9 (1) A person may claim compensation from the Territory if the person 10 suffers loss or expense because of the exercise, or purported 11 exercise, of a function under this part by— 12 (a) an authorised person; or 13 a person assisting an authorised person. 14 (2) Compensation may be claimed and ordered in a proceeding for— 15 (a) compensation brought in a court of competent jurisdiction; or an offence against this Act brought against the person making 17 the claim for compensation. 18 (3) A court may order the payment of reasonable compensation for the 19 loss or expense only if it is satisfied it is just to make the order in the 20 circumstances of the particular case. 21

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(4) A regulation may prescribe matters that may, must or must not be

taken into account by the court in considering whether it is just to

Part 13 Enforceable undertakings

2	93		Definitions—pt 13
3			In this part:
4 5			<i>enforceable undertaking</i> means a proposed undertaking that has been accepted by the waste manager under section 95.
6			proposed undertaking—see section 94 (3).
7			undertakings register—see section 96.
8	94		Making of proposed undertakings
9 10 11		(1)	This section applies if the waste manager believes on reasonable grounds that a person has committed an offence against part 14 (Offences) (the <i>alleged offence</i>).
12		(2)	The waste manager may give the person written notice stating—
13 14			(a) that the waste manager believes the person has committed the alleged offence; and
15			(b) the grounds for the waste manager's belief; and
16			(c) the facts of the alleged offence; and
17			(d) the following:
18 19			(i) that the person may enter an enforceable undertaking with the waste manager for the alleged offence under this part;
20			(ii) information about the effect of—
21 22			(A) entering an enforceable undertaking, including the consequences of contravening the undertaking; and
23			(B) not entering an enforceable undertaking;
24 25			(iii) how the person may enter and withdraw from an enforceable undertaking:

1 2 3	(iv) the assurances about the person's future conduct that the waste manager would be prepared to accept for an enforceable undertaking.
4 (3) 5 6 7	If the person wishes to enter into an enforceable undertaking with the waste manager, the person must give the waste manager a written proposal (a <i>proposed undertaking</i>) about the person's future conduct as a result of the alleged offence.
8 (4)	The proposed undertaking must—
9 10	(a) acknowledge that the waste manager believes that the person has committed an alleged offence; and
11	(b) contain a statement by the person—
12 13 14	(i) that the person understands that the proposed undertaking becomes an enforceable undertaking when accepted by the waste manager; and
15 16	(ii) setting out assurances about the person's future conduct for the enforceable undertaking; and
17	(iii) agreeing to be bound by the enforceable undertaking; and
18	Examples—assurances about person's future conduct
19	1 to stop certain conduct
20 21	to take particular action to compensate people adversely affected by an alleged offence committed against a stated provision of this Act
22 23	3 to take particular action to rectify a state of affairs that arose as a direct or indirect result of the alleged offence
24 25	4 to take particular action (including implementing particular systems) to prevent future offences against this Act
26	5 to implement publicity or education programs
27	6 to install a GPS device in a vehicle operated by a waste transporter
28 29 30	Note An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, but does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).
31	(c) include any other information prescribed by regulation.
32 33	Note If a form is approved under s 125 for this provision, the form must be used

1	95		Acceptance of proposed undertaking
2 3 4 5		(1)	If the waste manager accepts a proposed undertaking the waste manager must by written notice tell the person that gave the undertaking that the undertaking has been accepted and is an enforceable undertaking for this Act.
6 7		(2)	On acceptance of the proposed undertaking, the undertaking becomes enforceable (an <i>enforceable undertaking</i>).
8	96		Register of enforceable undertakings
9 10		(1)	The waste manager must keep a register of enforceable undertakings (the <i>undertakings register</i>).
11 12		(2)	The undertakings register must include the following details for each undertaking:
13			(a) the name of the person that gave the undertaking;
14			(b) particulars of the undertaking given;
15			(c) the date the undertaking takes effect;
16			(d) anything else prescribed by regulation.
17 18		(3)	The undertakings register may include any other information the waste manager considers relevant.
19 20		(4)	The undertakings register may be kept in any form, including electronically, that the waste manager decides.
21		(5)	The waste manager may—
22 23			(a) correct a mistake, error or omission in the undertakings register; and
24 25			(b) change a detail included in the register to keep the register up-to-date.

1 2	97		Withdrawal from or amendment of enforceable undertaking
3 4 5		(1)	The person that gave an enforceable undertaking may withdraw from or amend the undertaking only with the waste manager's written agreement.
6 7		(2)	However, the undertaking may not be amended to provide for a different alleged offence.
8	98		Ending enforceable undertaking
9 10 11 12		(1)	The waste manager may end an enforceable undertaking by written notice to the person that gave the undertaking if satisfied on reasonable grounds that the undertaking is no longer necessary or desirable to ensure that the person complies with this Act.
13 14 15		(2)	The waste manager may act under subsection (1) on the waste manager's own initiative or on the application of the person that gave the undertaking.
16 17		(3)	The undertaking ends when the person that gave the undertaking receives the waste manager's notice.
18	99		Undertaking not admission of fault etc
19 20 21		(1)	This section applies if a person gives the waste manager a proposed undertaking in relation to an alleged offence, whether or not the undertaking is accepted by the waste manager.
22		(2)	Giving the proposed undertaking is neither—
23 24			(a) an express or implied admission of fault or liability by the person in relation to the alleged offence; nor
25 26			(b) relevant to deciding fault or liability in relation to the alleged offence.
27 28 29		(3)	Neither a proposed undertaking nor an enforceable undertaking is admissible in evidence in a court or tribunal in any proceeding for the alleged offence.

1	100		Contravention of enforceable undertakings
2 3 4 5		(1)	If the waste manager believes on reasonable grounds that an enforceable undertaking has been contravened, the waste manager may apply to the Magistrates Court for an order under subsection (2).
6 7 8		(2)	If the Magistrates Court is satisfied that the enforceable undertaking has been contravened, the court may make 1 or more of the following orders:
9 10			(a) an order requiring the person who gave the undertaking to ensure that the undertaking is not contravened;
11 12 13 14			(b) an order requiring the person who gave the undertaking to pay to the Territory the amount assessed by the court as the value of the benefits anyone derived, directly or indirectly, from the contravention of the undertaking;
15 16 17 18			 (c) an order that the court considers appropriate requiring the person who gave the undertaking to compensate someone who has suffered loss or damage because of the contravention of the undertaking;
19			(d) any other order that the court considers appropriate.
20	101		Effect of enforceable undertaking on other proceedings
21 22			A proceeding may not be brought against a person for an alleged offence mentioned in an enforceable undertaking if—
23 24			(a) the enforceable undertaking is in force in relation to the alleged offence; and
25 26			(b) the person has not failed to comply with the enforceable undertaking in relation to the alleged offence.

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Part 14 Offences

Division 14.1 Liability of managers etc

3	102		Criminal liability of partners—pt 14
4 5		(1)	This section applies if a partnership through a partner, servant or agent—
6			(a) engages in conduct; and
7			(b) the conduct is an offence against this part.
8 9		(2)	Each partner (a <i>liable partner</i>) in the partnership is taken to commit the offence.
10 11		(3)	It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against this part if a liable partner proves that—
12 13			(a) the partner did not know about the conduct that constituted the offence; and
14			(b) either—
15 16 17			 (i) the partner took reasonable precautions and exercised appropriate diligence to ensure the partnership did not engage in the conduct; or
18 19			(ii) the partner was not in a position to influence the partnership in relation to the conduct.
20 21			Note The defendant has a legal burden in relation to the matters mentioned in s (3) (see Criminal Code, s 59).
22	103		Criminal liability of executive officers—pt 14
23 24		(1)	An executive officer of a corporation is taken to commit an offence if—
25			(a) the corporation commits a relevant offence; and
26 27			(b) the officer was reckless about whether the relevant offence would be committed; and

1 2 3		(c) the officer was in a position to influence the conduct of the corporation in relation to the commission of the relevant offence; and
4 5		(d) the officer failed to take reasonable steps to prevent the commission of the relevant offence.
6 7		Maximum penalty: The maximum penalty that may be imposed for the commission of the relevant offence by an individual.
8 (9	(2)	Subsection (1) does not apply if the corporation has a defence to a prosecution for the relevant offence.
10 11		Note The defendant has an evidential burden in relation to the matters mentioned in s (2) (see Criminal Code, s 58).
12 (13 14 15 16	(3)	In deciding whether the executive officer took (or failed to take) all reasonable steps to prevent the commission of the offence, a court must consider any action the officer took directed towards ensuring the following (to the extent that the action is relevant to the act or omission):
17 18 19		(a) that the corporation arranges regular professional assessments of the corporation's compliance with the provision to which the relevant offence relates;
20 21		(b) that the corporation implements any appropriate recommendation arising from such an assessment;
22 23 24 25		(c) that the corporation's employees, agents and contractors have a reasonable knowledge and understanding of the requirement to comply with the provision to which the relevant offence relates;
26 27		(d) any action the officer took when the officer became aware that the relevant offence was, or might be, about to be committed.
28 ((4)	Subsection (2) does not limit the matters the court may consider.
29 (30	(5)	This section applies whether or not the corporation is prosecuted for, or convicted of, the relevant offence.

1	(6)	In this section:
2 3 4 5		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.
6		relevant offence means an offence against any of the following:
7		(a) section 64 (Offence—fail to report to waste manager);
8		(b) section 70 (Offence—fail to comply with direction);
9		(c) section 105 (Unauthorised waste activity);
10 11		(d) section 106 (1) (Fail to comply with condition of licence or registration);
12		(e) section 107 (Unlawful transporting or depositing of waste);
13 14		(f) section 108 (Use of place as waste facility without lawful authority);
15		(g) section 109 (Consent required for certain waste activities);
16		(h) section 110 (False or misleading information about waste);
17 18		(i) section 111 (Taking prescribed waste to landfill or other facility).
19	Division	1 14.2 Specific offences
20	104	Meaning of waste site—div 14.2
21		In this division:
22 23		waste site means a place used for the storage, sorting, treatment, processing, or disposal of waste.

1	105		Unauthorised waste activity
2		(1)	A person commits an offence if—
3			(a) the person engages in conduct; and
4			(b) the conduct is a waste activity; and
5			(c) the person—
6 7			(i) if the waste activity includes operating a waste facility—does not hold a licence in relation to the facility; or
8 9			(ii) if the waste activity includes collection or transportation of waste—is not registered as a waste transporter.
10			Maximum penalty: 200 penalty units.
11 12 13 14		(2)	A person who engages in consecutive conduct that contravenes subsection (1) commits a separate offence for each day or part of each day of consecutive conduct that happens immediately after the first day the person engaged in the conduct.
15 16			Maximum penalty (for each additional day or part of each additional day): 50 penalty units.
17	106		Fail to comply with condition of licence or registration
18		(1)	A person commits an offence if—
19			(a) the person—
20			(i) holds a licence; or
21			(ii) is registered as a waste transporter; and
22			(b) the licence or registration is subject to a condition; and
23			(c) the person fails to comply with the condition.
24			Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units.
25		(2)	An offence against this section is a strict liability offence.

1	107		Unlawful transporting or depositing of waste
2		(1)	A person commits an offence if—
3			(a) the person engages in conduct; and
4			(b) as a result of the conduct the person—
5			(i) transports waste to a place; or
6			(ii) causes or permits waste to be transported to a place; and
7			(c) the place is not—
8			(i) if the place is in the ACT—a waste facility operated by a person that is a licensee in relation to the facility; or
10 11 12			(ii) if the place is outside the ACT—a waste facility operated by a person that is authorised to operate the facility under a corresponding law of another State.
13			Maximum penalty: 500 penalty units.
14 15		(2)	In a proceeding for an offence under this section the defendant bears the onus of proving—
16 17 18 19			(a) if the defendant is charged with transporting, or causing or permitting waste to be transported to a place in the ACT—that the place is a waste facility that was operated by a person that is a licensee in relation to the facility; or
20 21 22			(b) if the defendant is charged with transporting, or causing or permitting waste to be transported to a place outside the ACT—that the place is a waste facility that was operated by a
23 24			person that is authorised to operate the facility under a corresponding law of another State.

1 2	(3)	It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against subsection (1) if—
3		(a) for a prosecution that charges a defendant with having caused or permitted waste to be transported—the defendant proves—
5 6		(i) that the commission of the offence was due to causes over which the defendant had no control; and
7 8 9		(ii) that the defendant took reasonable precautions and exercised due diligence to prevent the commission of the offence; or
0		(b) generally—the defendant proves that—
1 2 3 4		 (i) an approved notice was, at the time of the alleged offence, given to the defendant by the owner or occupier of the place to which the waste was transported or was displayed at the place; and
5 6		(ii) the approved notice stated that the place could lawfully be used as a waste facility for the waste; and
7 8 9		(iii) the defendant had no reasonable basis to believe that the place could not lawfully be used as a waste facility for the waste.
20 21 22 23 24	(4)	It is not a defence to a prosecution for an offence against subsection (1) if the defendant proves that the owner or occupier of a place told the defendant, other than in the form of an approved notice, that at the time of the offence the place could be lawfully used as a waste facility.
25	(5)	In this section:
26 27		approved notice means a notice, in a form approved by the waste manager that—
28 29		(a) states that the place to which the notice relates can lawfully be used as a waste facility for the waste stated in the notice; and
30 31		(b) contains a certification by the owner or occupier of the place that the statement is correct.

1	108		Use	Use of place as waste facility without lawful authority		
2		(1)	A po	erson (tł	ne <i>first person</i>) commits an offence if—	
3			(a)	the firs	st person is the owner or occupier of a place; and	
4			(b)	the firs	et person engages in conduct; and	
5			(c)	as a re	sult of the conduct another person uses the place; and	
6 7			(d)		st person is reckless about whether the other person uses ce as a waste site; and	
8 9 0				Note	The fault element of recklessness can be satisfied by proof of intention, knowledge or recklessness (see Criminal Code, s 20 (4)).	
1			(e)	-	ace is not a waste facility in relation to which the first holds a licence.	
3			Max	kimum p	penalty: 500 penalty units.	
4 5 6 7		(2)	subs	section (n day of	who engages in consecutive conduct that contraveness (1) commits a separate offence for each day or part of consecutive conduct that happens immediately after the person engaged in the conduct.	
8				-	penalty (for each additional day or part of each additional enalty units.	
20	109		Cor	nsent r	equired for certain waste activities	
21			A po	erson co	ommits an offence if—	
22			(a)	the per	rson carries out a waste activity; and	
23			(b)	the act	ivity is prescribed by regulation; and	

	(c)	-	son does not have the waste manager's written consent out the activity.
		Note 1	The waste manager may exempt people and activities from a provision of this Act (see s 65).
		Note 2	A reference to an Act includes a reference to the statutory instruments made or in force under the Act, including any regulation (see Legislation Act, s 104).
	Max	kimum p	enalty: 100 penalty units.
	Fals	se or m	isleading information about waste
(1)	A pe	erson coi	mmits an offence if the person—
	(a)	engage	s in conduct; and
	(b)		duct results in information about waste being given to person in the course of dealing with the waste; and
	(c)	-	son knows that the information is false or misleading in ial particular.
	Max	kimum p	enalty: 200 penalty units.
(2)	A pe	erson coi	mmits an offence if the person—
	(a)	engage	s in conduct; and
	(b)		duct results in information about waste being given to person in the course of dealing with the waste; and
	(c)	the info	ormation is false or misleading in a material particular;
	(d)		son is reckless as to whether the information is false or ling in a material particular.
	Max	kimum p	enalty: 100 penalty units.
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1 2 3 4	(3)	if the defendant proves that the defendant took reasonable steps to ensure that the information was not false or misleading in a material particular.
5 6		Note The defendant has a legal burden in relation to the matters mentioned in s (3) (see Criminal Code, s 59).
7 8 9 0	(4)	If the court is satisfied that a person charged with an offence under subsection (1) is not guilty of that offence but is satisfied on the evidence that the person is guilty of an offence under subsection (2), the court may find the person guilty of the offence under subsection (2).
3	(5)	For this section, information is taken to be given to a person in the course of dealing with waste if it is given—
4 5		(a) in the course of an activity relating to the sale or disposal of waste; or
6 7 8		(b) in the course of an activity relating to the storage, collection, transport, handling, deposit, transfer, processing, recycling, recovery, re-use or use of the waste.
9	(6)	Proceedings for an offence against this section may be commenced only at the request of the waste manager.
21	(7)	In this section:
22		give information includes cause or permit information to be given.
23		information includes a record containing information.

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1 2	<i>information about waste</i> means information about any of the following:
3 4	(a) the type, classification, characteristics, composition or quantity of the waste;
5 6 7	 (b) the actual or proposed storage, collection, transport, handling, deposit, transfer, disposal, processing, recycling, recovery, re-use or use of the waste;
8 9 10	(c) the hazards or potential harm to the environment or human health associated with the waste or an activity referred to in paragraph (b).
11 111	Taking prescribed waste to landfill or other facility
12	A person commits an offence if the person—
13	(a) engages in conduct; and
14	(b) as a result of the conduct waste is taken to—
15	(i) landfill; or
16	(ii) a facility prescribed by regulation; and
17	(c) the waste is waste prescribed by regulation.
18 19 20 21 22	Note Power to make a statutory instrument (including a regulation) includes power to make different provision in relation to different matters or different classes of matters, and to make an instrument that applies differently by reference to stated exceptions or factors (see Legislation Act, s 48).
23	Maximum penalty: 150 penalty units.

Part 15 Reconsideration of decisions

2	112	Definitions—pt 15
3		In this part:
4 5		<i>affected person</i> , for an original decision, means a person mentioned in schedule 1, column 4 in relation to the original decision.
6 7 8		<i>original decision</i> means a decision mentioned in schedule 1, column 3 (other than item 12) under a provision of this Act mentioned in column 2 in relation to the decision.
9		reconsideration application—see section 113 (2).
10	113	Applications for reconsideration
11	(1)	This section applies if—
12		(a) the waste manager has made an original decision; and
13 14		(b) an application has not previously been made under this section for reconsideration of the original decision; and
15 16		(c) the ACAT has not decided an application for review of the original decision.
17 18 19	(2)	An affected person for an original decision may apply for reconsideration of the original decision (a <i>reconsideration application</i>).
20 21		Note If a form is approved under s 125 for an application, the form must be used.
22	(3)	The reconsideration application must—
23		(a) be in writing signed by the applicant; and
24		(b) set out the grounds on which reconsideration is sought.

1		(4)	The reconsideration application must be made not later than—
2			(a) 20 working days after the day the applicant is told about the original decision by the waste manager; or
4			(b) any longer period allowed by the waste manager.
5 6			Note The waste manager may extend the period after the end of the period being extended (see Legislation Act, s 151C (3)).
7	114		Notice to ACAT of application
8		(1)	This section applies if—
9			(a) an affected person makes a reconsideration application; and
10 11 12			(b) the person also applies to the ACAT for review of the original decision, whether before or after applying for reconsideration; and
13 14			(c) the ACAT gives the waste manager notice of the application for review.
15 16		(2)	The waste manager must tell the ACAT, in writing, about the reconsideration application.
17	115		Reconsideration
18 19		(1)	If the waste manager receives a reconsideration application, the director-general must—
20			(a) reconsider the original decision; and
21 22			(b) not later than 20 working days after the day the waste manager receives the application—
23 24 25			 (i) make any decision in substitution for the original decision that the waste manager could have made when making the original decision; or
26			(ii) confirm the original decision.
27			<i>Note</i> A decision under this section is a reviewable decision (see s 117).

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1 2 3		(2)	However, the director-general must not take action under subsection (1) (b) if the ACAT has decided an application for review of the original decision.
4 5 6		(3)	The period mentioned in subsection (1) (b) may be extended for a stated period by agreement between the director-general and the applicant.
7		(4)	In reconsidering the original decision, the director-general—
8			(a) must consider—
9 10			(i) any information available to the waste manager when the waste manager made the original decision; and
11			(ii) information given in the reconsideration application; and
12			(b) may consider any other relevant information.
13 14 15 16		(5)	The director-general must ensure that, if the original decision is made on the waste manager's behalf by someone else (the <i>original decision-maker</i>), the director-general or someone other than the original decision-maker reconsiders the decision.
17	116		No action by waste manager within time
17 18 19 20 21	116		No action by waste manager within time If the director-general does not make a substitute decision, or confirm the original decision, by the end of the 20 working days, or the extended period, mentioned in section 115 (3), the director-general is taken to have confirmed the original decision.
18 19 20	116		If the director-general does not make a substitute decision, or confirm the original decision, by the end of the 20 working days, or the extended period, mentioned in section 115 (3), the
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1	Part 16	Notification and review of decisions
3	118	Definitions—pt 16
4		In this part:
5 6		decision-maker, for a reviewable decision, means the decision-maker mentioned in schedule 1, column 5 for the decision.
7 8 9		<i>reviewable decision</i> means a decision mentioned in schedule 1, column 3 under a provision of this Act mentioned in column 2 in relation to the decision.
10	119	Reviewable decision notices
11 12 13 14		If the decision-maker makes a reviewable decision, the decision-maker must give a reviewable decision notice to each person mentioned in schedule 1, column 4 in relation to the decision.
15 16 17 18		Note 1 The decision-maker must also take reasonable steps to give a reviewable decision notice to any other person whose interests are affected by the decision (see ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008, s 67A).
19 20		Note 2 The requirements for a reviewable decision notice are prescribed under the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008.
21	120	Applications for review
22 23		The following people may apply to the ACAT for a review of a reviewable decision:
24 25		(a) a person mentioned in schedule 1, column 4 in relation to the decision;
26		(b) any other person whose interests are affected by the decision.
27 28		Note If a form is approved under the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008 for the application, the form must be used.

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Part 17 Miscellaneous 121 2 Delegation The waste manager may delegate the waste manager's functions 3 under this Act or another territory law to a public servant. For the making of delegations and the exercise of delegated functions, Note 5 see the Legislation Act, pt 19.4. 6 122 Protection from liability 7 (1) An official is not civilly liable for conduct engaged in honestly and 8 without recklessness— 9 (a) in the exercise of a function under this Act; or 10 (b) in the reasonable belief that the conduct was in the exercise of 11 a function under this Act. 12 (2) Any civil liability that would, apart from this section, attach to the 13 official attaches instead to the Territory. 14 (3) In this section: 15 *conduct* means an act or omission to do an act. 16 official means— 17 (a) the waste manager; or 18 (b) an authorised officer; or 19 anyone else exercising a function under this Act. 20 123 Service of documents 21 A document may be given to the waste manager by giving it to the 22 director-general. 23 24 Note 1 For how documents may be served generally, see the Legislation Act, pt 19.5. 25 26 Note 2 The director-general may delegate the function under this section to a public sector officer, for example, a public servant (see Public Sector 27

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Management Act 1994, s 36C).

1	124		Determination of fees and rates of interest	
2		(1)	The Minister may determine—	
3			(a) fees for this Act; and	
4 5			(b) the annual percentage rate at which interest payable undescribed section 58 (Recovery of extra costs) is to be calculated; and	er
6 7 8			(c) the annual percentage rate at which interest accruing undesection 59 (1) (a) (Money held by Territory as financiassurance) is to be calculated.	
9 10			Note The Legislation Act contains provisions about the making determinations and regulations relating to fees (see pt 6.3).	of
11		(2)	In particular, fees may be determined—	
12			(a) so that the fee increases as the quantity of waste increases; and	d
13 14			(b) so that different fees apply depending on the waste facility which waste is being transferred; and	to
15 16			(c) according to the type of waste to which the waste activirelates.	ty
17			Example—different fee depending on facility	
18 19			A lower fee might be set for taking waste to a re-processing facility; a higher f might apply if the waste were being taken to landfill.	ee
20 21 22			Note An example is part of the Act, is not exhaustive and may extend, be does not limit, the meaning of the provision in which it appears (see Legislation Act, s 126 and s 132).	
23		(3)	A determination is a disallowable instrument.	
24 25			Note A disallowable instrument must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.	he
26		(4)	In this section:	
27			fee includes—	
28			(a) a fee that is a tax; and	
29			(b) a charge or other amount (whether or not it is a tax).	

1	125		Approved forms
2		(1)	The waste manager may approve forms for this Act.
3 4		(2)	If the waste manager approves a form for a particular purpose, the approved form must be used for that purpose.
5			<i>Note</i> For other provisions about forms, see the Legislation Act, s 255.
6		(3)	An approved form is a notifiable instrument.
7			<i>Note</i> A notifiable instrument must be notified under the Legislation Act.
8	126		Regulation-making power
9		(1)	The Executive may make regulations for this Act.
10 11			Note A regulation must be notified, and presented to the Legislative Assembly, under the Legislation Act.
12		(2)	A regulation may—
13 14			(a) make provision in relation to the exclusion of a person or activity from a provision of this Act; and
15 16 17			Note A reference to an Act includes a reference to the statutory instruments made or in force under the Act, including any regulation (see Legislation Act, s 104).
18 19 20			(b) create offences for contraventions of the regulations and fix maximum penalties of not more than 40 penalty units for the offences.

2			amendment
3	127		Legislation repealed
4 5 6 7		(1) (2)	 The following legislation is repealed: Waste Minimisation Act 2001 (A2001-31) Waste Minimisation Regulation 2001 (SL2001-24). All other legislative instruments under the Waste Minimisation
8			Act 2001 and the Waste Minimisation Regulation 2001 are repealed.
9 10	128		Clinical Waste Act 1990 Part 5 heading, new note
11			insert
12			Note The Waste Management and Resource Recovery Act 2016 imposes

transports or disposes of clinical waste.

Part 18

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Repeals and consequential

requirements, and creates offences, in relation to a person that stores,

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Part 30 Transitional

150 Transitional regulation

- (1) A regulation may prescribe transitional matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed because of the enactment of this Act.
- (2) A regulation may modify this part (including in relation to another territory law) to make provision in relation to anything that, in the Executive's opinion, is not, or is not adequately or appropriately, dealt with in this part.
- (3) A regulation under subsection (2) has effect despite anything elsewhere in this Act.

11 **151 Expiry—pt 30**

This part expires 12 months after the day it commences.

Note Transitional provisions are kept in the Act for a limited time. A transitional provision is repealed on its expiry but continues to have effect after its repeal (see Legislation Act, s 88).

Schedule 1 Reviewable decisions

(see pt 15)

column 1	column 2	column 3	column 4	column 5
item	section	decision	person	decision-maker
1	20 (2)	refuse to consider application until additional information provided	applicant for licence	waste manager
2	22 (1)	decision about application for licence	applicant for licence	waste manager
3	23 (b)	impose condition on licence	applicant for licence	waste manager
4	32 (1)	require applicant to provide additional information	applicant for registration	waste manager
5	34 (3)	decision about application for registration	applicant for registration	waste manager
6	40 (2)	require waste transporter to fit GPS	waste transporter	waste manager
7	46 (2)	take regulatory action	licensee	waste manager
8	48	immediately suspend licence	licensee	waste manager
9	65	refuse to give exemption	applicant	waste manager
10	68 (2)	issue compliance direction	person directed	waste manager
11	69 (1)	issue direction	person directed	waste manager
12	115 (1)	reconsideration of original decision	person applying for reconsideration	director-general

Dictionary

2	(see s 3)		
3 4		Note 1	The Legislation Act contains definitions and other provisions relevant to this Act.
5		Note 2	For example, the Legislation Act, dict, pt 1, defines the following terms:
6			• ACAT
7			• ACT
8			administrative unit
9			• appoint
10			• chief officer (fire and rescue)
11			Criminal Code
12			• director-general (see s 163)
13			• disallowable instrument (see s 9)
14			• fail
15			• function
16			• give
17			• may (see s 146)
18			• Minister (see s 162)
19			• must (see s 146)
20			• notifiable instrument (see s 10)
21			• penalty unit (see s 133)
22			• person
23			• police officer
24			• under.
25		affecte	d person, for an original decision, for part 15
26		(Recon	sideration of decisions)—see section 112.
27		author	ised person means a person appointed under section 72.
28		connec	eted, with an offence, for division 12.2 (Authorised people)—
29		see sec	tion 71.
30		-	ponding law , of a State, means a law of the state about the ation or licensing of people who carry out waste activities.
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32		Note	<i>State</i> includes the Northern Territory (see Legislation Act, dict, pt 1).

1 2	<i>decision-maker</i> , for a reviewable decision, for part 16 (Notification and review of decisions)—see section 118.
3 4	<i>enforceable undertaking</i> , for part 13 (Enforceable undertakings)—see section 93.
5 6	<i>environmental protection agreement</i> —see the <i>Environment Protection Act 1997</i> , dictionary.
7	licence means a waste facility licence.
8	<i>licensee</i> , in relation to a licence, means the person that is the holder of the licence.
10 11	<i>occupier</i> , of premises, for division 12.2 (Authorised people)—see section 71.
12	offence, for division 12.2 (Authorised people)—see section 71.
13 14	<i>original decision</i> , for part 15 (Reconsideration of decisions)—see section 112.
15	person includes an unincorporated body.
16	<i>premises</i> , for division 12.2 (Authorised people)—see section 71.
17 18	<i>proposed undertaking</i> , for part 13 (Enforceable undertakings)—see section 94 (3).
19 20	<i>reconsideration application</i> , for part 15 (Reconsideration of decisions)—see section 113 (2).
21 22	<i>registered</i> , in relation to a waste transporter, means entered in the register of waste transporters.
23 24	register of waste facility licences means the register kept under section 25.
25 26	register of waste transporters means the register kept under section 37.
27	registration number—see section 34 (4) (b) (ii).
28 29	<i>regulatory action</i> , against a person, for part 7 (Regulatory action)—see section 43.
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1 2	<i>reviewable decision</i> , for part 16 (Notification and review of decisions)—see section 118.
3	show cause notice, for part 7 (Regulatory action)—see section 43.
4 5	<i>undertakings register</i> , for part 13 (Enforceable undertakings)—see section 93.
6	warrant, for division 12.2 (Authorised people)—see section 71.
7	waste—see section 10.
8	waste activity—see section 11.
9	waste facility—see section 14.
0	waste facility licence—see section 15.
1	waste management business—see section 12.
2	waste manager means the Waste Manager appointed under section 16.
4	waste site, for division 14.2 (Specific offences)—see section 104.
5	waste transporter—see section 13.

Endnotes

1 Presentation speech

Presentation speech made in the Legislative Assembly on 7 June 2016.

2 Notification

Notified under the Legislation Act on

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3 Republications of amended laws

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