



Appendix D - Terms of Reference for the Reeves Report

The *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* commenced operation on 26 January 1977. The last general review was in 1983 and some important changes have been made to its provisions since then. The review will examine and report on the operation of the Act and suggest any areas for possible change including recommending amendments where appropriate. In particular the review will consider:

- the effectiveness of the legislation in achieving its purpose;
- the impact of the legislation in terms of social, cultural and economic costs and benefits;
- the operation of the exploration and mining provisions;
- the operations of the Aboriginals Benefit Trust Account including the distribution of payments out of the Trust account;
- the operation of the Royalty Associations and their reporting requirements;
- the question of compulsory acquisition powers over Aboriginal land;
- the application of Northern Territory laws to Aboriginal Land;
- the role structure and resource needs of the land councils following the coming into effect of the sunset clause relating to land claims; and
- any other matters relevant to the operation of the Act.