

The changes mean that:-

- mining tenements;
- information relating to mining tenements; and
- fixtures on mining tenements

will be included in the calculation of the value of land for the purpose of the land rich provisions.

The date of effect of this change is 16 May 2000.

Mining Act 1980 (NT) and Petroleum Act 1984 (NT)

On 18 May 2000 the Northern Territory Government introduced the *Mining Amendment Bill 2000 (NT)* and the *Petroleum Amendment Bill 2000 (NT)*.

These Bills are consequential upon the disallowance by the Senate of the Northern Territory's alternative regime to the Commonwealth right to negotiate procedures under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*.

The provisions of the Bills are essentially procedural. They seek to address applications having to be made in accordance with the Commonwealth process, but allow for the Northern Territory alternative provisions to remain as part of the *Mining Act* and the *Petroleum Act*.

Mine Management Act 1990 (NT)

The Northern Territory Government recently released a discussion paper for replacement Mine Management legislation. Draft legislation is expected in the second half of year 2000.

The Government aims to address environmental and safety issues for mines in a less prescriptive manner than the existing Act, an expressed object being to "focus on desired outcomes and standards of performance rather than detail the precise process to be followed."

QUEENSLAND

MINING LEASE – NON-CONSENT CAVEAT – LAPSE – NO EXTENSION – WHAT TO DO IN QUEENSLAND?*

UAL Pty Ltd v Majestic Resources NL

(Mining Warden, 28 April 2000)

Introduction

The Mining Warden heard an application by UAL Pty Ltd (owned by Black Range Minerals) for the

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