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QUEENSLAND COAST ISLANDS ACT 1879

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- relocate marginal or cite notes (s 34)
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- omit unnecessary referential words (s 41)
- omit the enacting words (s 42A).

Also see Endnotes for information about—

- **when provisions commenced**
- **provisions that have not commenced and are not incorporated in the reprint.**

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[as amended by all amendments that commenced on or before 5 December 1994]

An Act to provide that certain islands in Torres Straits and lying between the continent of Australia and the island of New Guinea shall become part of the Colony of Queensland and subject to the laws in force therein

Preamble—Schedule

Whereas by letters patent under the great seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland bearing date the 10th October in the 42nd year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria Her said Majesty did authorise the Governor for the time being of the Colony of Queensland by proclamation under the Governor's hand and the public seal of the Colony to declare that from and after a day to be therein mentioned certain islands which are described in the schedule hereto should be annexed to and form part of the said Colony.

And in the said letters patent it was provided that the said Governor is not to issue such proclamation as aforesaid until the Legislature of the said Colony shall have passed a law providing that the said islands shall on the day aforesaid become part of the said Colony and subject to the laws in force therein.

And in the said letters patent it was also provided that the application of the said laws to the said islands might be modified either by such proclamation as aforesaid or by any law or laws to be from time to time passed by the Legislature of this Colony for the Government of the said islands so annexed.

And whereas it is desirable that the said islands shall be annexed to and form part of the said Colony of Queensland.

Governor to issue proclamation—Schedule

1. From and after such day as His Excellency the Governor of Queensland shall by such proclamation under the Governor's hand and the public seal of the Colony as is authorised by the said letters patent mention and appoint for that purpose the islands described in the Schedule shall be annexed to and become part of the Colony of Queensland and shall be and become subject to the laws in force therein.¹

¹ The islands were annexed from 1 August 1879, by proclamation published Gazette 21 July 1879.

SCHEDULE

section 1

Certain islands in Torres Straits and lying between the continent of Australia and island of New Guinea that is to say all Islands included within a line drawn from Sandy Cape northward to the south-eastern limit of Great Barrier Reefs thence following the line of the Great Barrier Reefs to their north-eastern extremity near the latitude of $9\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ south thence in a north-westerly direction embracing East Anchor and Bramble Cays thence from Bramble Cays in a line west by south (south 79° west) true embracing Warrior Reef Saibai and Tuan Islands thence diverging in a north-westerly direction so as to embrace the group known as the Talbot Islands thence to and embracing the Deliverance Islands and onwards in a west by south direction (true) to the meridian of 138° of east longitude.

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2 Date to which amendments incorporated

This is the reprint date mentioned in the Reprints Act 1992, section 5(c). Accordingly, this reprint includes all amendments that commenced operation on or before 5 December 1994. Future amendments of the Queensland Coast Islands Act 1879 may be made in accordance with this reprint under the Reprints Act 1992, section 49.

3 List of legislation**Queensland Coast Islands Act 1879 43 Vic No. 1**

date of assent 24 June 1879
commenced on date of assent

Note—The short title of this Act was given by the Acts Citation Act 1903 as amended by—

Acts Citation Act 1903 3 Edw 7 No. 10 s 8(1) Sch 1

date of assent 13 November 1903
commenced on date of assent