**Native Members of the Forces Benefits**

**No. 138 of 1972**

An Act to amend section 3 of the *Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act* 1957–1968.

[*Assented to 2 November 1972*]

BE it enacted by the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

**Short title and citation.**

**1.**—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act* 1972.

(2.) The *Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act* 1957–1968, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act* 1957–1972.

**Commencement.**

**2.** This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

**Definitions.**

**3.** Section 3 of the *Native Members of the Forces Benefits Act* 1957–1968 is amended—

(*a*) by omitting the definition of “native member of the Forces” and inserting in its stead the following definition:—

“‘native member of the Forces’ means a male aboriginal native of the Territory of Papua or the Territory of New Guinea or of an island in the Pacific Ocean (other than an island forming part of the territory of a State) who served during the war in the Defence Force at a rate of pay less than the minimum rate of pay that was prescribed as payable to a male member of the Australian Military Forces and whose service has been terminated by discharge or death;”; and

(*b*)by omitting the definition of “the Minister”.