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Mr Collins
Mr Coulter
Mr Dondas
Mr Finch
Mr Firmin
Mr Harris
Mr Hatton
Mr McCarthy
Mr Manzie
Mr Palmer
Mr Perron
Mr Poole
Mr Reed
Mr Setter

Noes 7

Mr Bell
Mr Ede
Mr Lanhupuy
Mr Leo
Mrs Padgham-Purich
Mr Smith
Mr Tipiloura

Amendment agreed to.

Mr MANZIE: Mr Chairman, I move amendment 72.3.

A new definition of 'authority' has been included, given the reconstruction of the authority to be proposed by later amendments. Also, given the new approach taken in relation to avoidance certificates, the term 'areas avoidance certificate' is now obsolete. The concept of avoidance, however, has been carried forward and there is a provision for the authority to issue such certificates. Hence the new definition of 'authority certificate'.

Mr BELL: Mr Chairman, for the same reasons that the opposition did not wish to accept the title of this bill, I foreshadow an opposition amendment to this amendment to the effect that the authority will not be known as the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority but will continue to be known as the Aboriginal Sacred Sites Protection Authority.

Mr Smith: You will accept that, won't you, Daryl?

Mr Manzie: No, probably not. Why should we?

Mr BELL: For the benefit of the recalcitrant but honourable Minister for Lands and Housing, let me rehearse the arguments. Part III of the bill is headed 'Protection of Aboriginal Areas'. The government amendment schedule, however, proposes that that be changed to 'Sites Protection Procedure', and that division 1 of part III shall refer to 'Avoidance of Sacred Sites'. The government's amendment schedule also proposes to omit the current heading to part IV, which is 'Aboriginal Areas Avoidance'. For that reason, and because the term 'sacred site' is used throughout the government's amendment schedule, the opposition's view that the title of the Aboriginal Sacred Sites Protection Authority not be changed is clearly logical.

Mr SMITH: Mr Chairman, the minister is being pig-headed. He agrees with us that the bill no longer talks about Aboriginal areas. He has agreed with us that the title of the bill should be changed from the Aboriginal Areas Protection Bill to the Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Bill. He will not agree, however, that the title of the authority be consistent with the intention of the bill and that it continue to be the Aboriginal Sacred Sites Protection Authority. If the minister wants to make himself a laughing