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An Act to provide for the establishment and operation of Community Mediation Centres to provide mediation services connected with certain disputes.

[9 January 1998]

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act is the Community Mediation Centres Act 1997.

Interpretation

- 2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
 - “Community Mediation Centre” means a Community Mediation Centre established under section 3;
 - “Director” means a person holding office or duly acting as Director of a Community Mediation Centre;
 - “functions” includes powers, authorities and duties;
 - “mediation” includes —
 - (a) the undertaking of any activity for the purpose of promoting the discussion and settlement of disputes;
 - (b) the bringing together of the parties to any dispute for that purpose, either at the request of one of the parties to the dispute or on the initiative of a Director; and

- (c) the follow-up of any matter that is the subject of any such discussion or settlement;

“mediation session” means a meeting in accordance with this Act between 2 or more parties who are in dispute on any matter;

“mediator”, in relation to a Community Mediation Centre, means —

- (a) the Director of the Centre; or
(b) any person for the time being appointed under section 8 as a mediator for the Centre.

(2) A reference in this Act to the exercise of a function includes, where the function is a duty, a reference to the performance of the duty.

(3) A reference in this Act to the parties to a mediation session includes a reference to the parties to a dispute in respect of which an application for a mediation session is duly made, but does not include a reference to the mediator conducting the mediation session.

(4) A reference in this Act to the conduct of a mediation session by a mediator includes a reference to the conduct of a mediation session in the presence, or under the supervision, of the mediator.

PART 2

COMMUNITY MEDIATION CENTRES

Establishment of Community Mediation Centres

3. Community Mediation Centres are established at any premises that the Minister may, by order in the *Gazette*, determine and must be operated in accordance with this Act for the purpose of providing mediation services.

Directors

4. The Minister must appoint a Director for each Community Mediation Centre and the same person may be the Director for more than one Community Mediation Centre.