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# Community Disputes Resolution Act 2015

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An Act to facilitate the resolution of community disputes by providing for a statutory tort for community disputes and for the establishment of Community Disputes Resolution Tribunals to deal with such disputes, and for matters connected therewith.

[1 October 2015]

**PART 1****PRELIMINARY****Short title**

- 1. This Act is the Community Disputes Resolution Act 2015.

**General interpretation**

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
- “claim” includes a counterclaim;
  - “Community Disputes Resolution Tribunal” or “tribunal” means a State Court designated under section 14 as a Community Disputes Resolution Tribunal;
  - “Community Mediation Centre” means a Community Mediation Centre established under section 3 of the Community Mediation Centres Act 1997;
  - “Registrar” means the registrar of the State Courts appointed under section 12 of the State Courts Act 1970 and includes a deputy registrar appointed under that section;
  - “Registry” means the Registry of the State Courts.

**PART 2****TORT OF INTERFERENCE WITH ENJOYMENT OR USE  
OF PLACE OF RESIDENCE****Interpretation of this Part**

3. In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires —
- “court” means a court of competent jurisdiction and includes a Community Disputes Resolution Tribunal;
  - “exclusion order” means an order made under section 9(2) excluding a contravening party (within the meaning of that section) from his or her place of residence;
  - “place of residence” means a house, a flat, an apartment or other dwelling place used for the purpose of residence;
  - “special direction” means a direction made by a court under section 6(2) against a contravening party (within the meaning of that section);
  - “vicinity”, in relation to a place of residence, includes any common corridor, common space or common property, any