



# Treasure Act 1996

## CHAPTER 24

### TREASURE ACT 1996

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 7 substituted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 38](#)
- s. 8(1) words substituted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 39\(2\)](#)
- s. 8(3)(a) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 48](#)
- s. 8(4) words substituted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 39\(3\)](#)
- s. 13 repealed by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 42Sch. 23 Pt. 1](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 8(5)(6) substituted for s. 8(5) by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 39\(4\)](#)
- s. 8(7) inserted by [2009 c. 25 Sch. 21 para. 39\(5\)](#)
- s. 10(5)(d) inserted by [2009 c. 25 s. 30\(2\)](#)