



Australian Capital Territory

Actions for Trespass Act 1623

21 Jas 1 c 16

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Penalties

The value of a penalty unit for an offence against this republished law at the republication date is—

- (a) if the person charged is an individual—\$100; or
- (b) if the person charged is a corporation—\$500.



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An Act for avoiding suits in law

**5 After judgment or nonsuit in a *quare clausum fregit*,
plaintiff barred**

- (1) In all actions for trespass *quare clausum fregit*¹ in which the defendant shall disclaim his or her plea to make any title or claim to the land in which the trespass is by the statement of claim alleged to be done, and the trespass be by negligence or involuntary, the defendant shall be admitted to plead a disclaimer, and that the trespass was by negligence or involuntary, and a tender or offer of sufficient amends for the trespass before the action brought, on which, the plaintiff shall be enforced to join issue.
- (2) If the issue be found for the defendant, or the plaintiff shall be nonsuited, the plaintiff shall be clearly barred from the action or actions and all other suit concerning the same.

1 *Quare clausum fregit* is a phrase used to describe trespass to land.

Endnotes

1 About the endnotes

Amending and modifying laws are annotated in the legislation history and the amendment history. Current modifications are not included in the republished law but are set out in the endnotes.

Not all editorial amendments made under the *Legislation Act 2001*, part 11.3 are annotated in the amendment history. Full details of any amendments can be obtained from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

Uncommenced amending laws and expiries are listed in the legislation history and the amendment history. These details are underlined. Uncommenced provisions and amendments are not included in the republished law but are set out in the last endnote.

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2 Abbreviation key

am = amended	ord = ordinance
amdt = amendment	orig = original
ch = chapter	p = page
cl = clause	par = paragraph
def = definition	pres = present
dict = dictionary	prev = previous
disallowed = disallowed by the Legislative Assembly	(prev...) = previously
div = division	prov = provision
exp = expires/expired	pt = part
Gaz = Gazette	r = rule/subrule
hdg = heading	reg = regulation/subregulation
IA = Interpretation Act 1967	renum = renumbered
ins = inserted/added	reloc = relocated
LA = Legislation Act 2001	R[X] = Republication No
LR = legislation register	s = section/subsection
LRA = Legislation (Republication) Act 1996	sch = schedule
mod = modified / modification	sdiv = subdivision
No = number	sub = substituted
num = numbered	SL = Subordinate Law
o = order	<u>underlining</u> = whole or part not commenced or to be expired
om = omitted/repealed	

3 Legislation history

This Act was originally a UK Act—Limitation of Actions 1623 21 Jas 1 c 16 (UK). The reference to limitation of actions was omitted from the title by the *Imperial Acts Application Act 1986* and the Act was renamed as the *Actions for Trespass Act 1623* when it was first republished under the *Legislation Act 2001*.

The Act was in force in NSW immediately before 1 January 1911 (the date of establishment of the ACT) and was continued in force by the *Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909* (Cwlth), s 6.

Under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910* (Cwlth), s 4 the Act had effect in the ACT as if it were an ACT law (subject to ordinances made under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*).

The *Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Act 1988* (Cwlth), s 34 (4) converted most former UK laws in force in the ACT into ACT enactments. This allowed the ACT Legislative Assembly to amend and repeal the laws. This Act was converted into an ACT enactment on 11 May 1989 (self-government day).

Under the *Interpretation Act 1967* (repealed), s 65 all former UK Acts in force in the ACT immediately before 10 November 1999 (including this Act) became, for all purposes, laws made by the ACT Legislative Assembly. This completed the process of making former UK Acts fully into ACT laws.

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as amended by

Imperial Acts Application Act 1986 No 93 s 5 and sch 3 pt 9 (as am by Act 1997 No 42 s 5 (1A))

notified 12 January 1987 (Cwlth Gaz 1986 No S1)

s 5 and sch 3 pt 9 commenced 12 January 1987 (s 2 (1))

Law Reform (Repeal of Laws) Act 1997 No 42 s 5 (1A)

notified 19 September 1997 (Gaz 1997 No S264)

commenced 19 September 1997 (s 2)

4 Amendment history

The *Imperial Acts Application Act 1986* (the **1986 Act**), sch 3, pt 9 set out the text of this Act in an amended form and provided for the amended form to apply as the text of the Act in force in the ACT (see 1986 Act, s 5 (1), (4) and (5)).

The words 'Limitation of Actions' was omitted from the title by the 1986 Act because this Act no longer deals with limitation of actions.

Sections 1 and 2 were omitted by the 1986 Act because their operation was exhausted before 25 July 1828 or was superseded by the *Real Property (Limitation of Actions) Act (Imperial) 1833* (UK) in its application in the ACT. That Act ceased to be in force in the ACT under the *Limitation Act 1985*, section 2 (1) (repealed).

Sections 3, 4 and 7 ceased to be in force in the ACT under the *Limitation Act 1985*, section 2 (2) (repealed).

This endnote only details amendments made after the enactment of the 1986 Act.

Name of Act

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Actions for slander

s 6 om 1986 No 93 s 4 (as amended by 1997 No 42 s 5)

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