

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES ORDINANCE 1969

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 3 of 1969

The objective of the Ordinance is to provide some protection for people who are induced at their place of residence by unscrupulous or high-pressure door-to-door salesmen to enter into certain credit purchase agreements.

The main protection afforded to purchasers is that it will be an offence for a vendor to enter into an agreement of this type unless it is in writing, a copy of the agreement is given to the purchaser and the rights of the purchaser are explained in the agreement. The purchaser will have the option of terminating the agreement within seven days after signing it.

Provision is made to deter vendor companies and others from writing intimidating letters to the purchaser or his employer if the agreement has been validly terminated under the Ordinance.