

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

CHILD WELFARE ORDINANCE 1969

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 17 of 1969

The Crimes Ordinance 1968 abolished the death penalty in the Australian Capital Territory for all crimes except treason and murder.

However, certain provisions of the Child Welfare Ordinance 1957-1968, namely, sections 56, 57(1.), 59, 65(1.) and 67(1.), still refer to “homicide, rape or any other offence punishable by death”. Consequently, the Ordinance will make technical amendments to these provisions to bring them into line with the new criminal law operating in the Territory.

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