

No. 49 of 1973

## AN ORDINANCE

To amend the *Coroners Ordinance 1956-1967*.

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, hereby make the following Ordinance under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910-1972*.

Dated this eleventh day of December, 1973.

PAUL HASLUCK  
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,  
LIONEL MURPHY  
Attorney-General.

### CORONERS ORDINANCE 1973

1. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the *Coroners Ordinance 1973*.<sup>\*</sup> Short title and citation.

(2) The *Coroners Ordinance 1956-1967*<sup>†</sup> is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

(3) The Principal Ordinance, as amended by this Ordinance, may be cited as the *Coroners Ordinance 1956-1973*.

2. Section 2 of the Principal Ordinance is repealed and the following section is substituted:—

“ 2. This Ordinance is divided into Parts, as follows:— Parts.

Part I—Preliminary (Sections 1-4)

Part II—The Coroner's Court (Sections 5-10A)

Part III—Jurisdiction of Coroner

Division 1—Inquests into Deaths (Sections 11-12)

Division 2—Inquiries into Fires (Section 13)

Part IV—Post-mortem Examinations and Exhumations (Sections 14-21)

Part V—Inquests and Inquiries Generally (Sections 22-34)

Part VI—Miscellaneous (Sections 35-46).”

<sup>\*</sup> Notified in the *Australian Government Gazette* on 17 December 1973.

<sup>†</sup> Ordinance No. 14, 1956, as amended by No. 5, 1965; and No. 2, 1967.

3. Section 5A of the Principal Ordinance is repealed and the following section substituted:—

Magistrates  
to be  
Coroners.

“ 5A. A person who is a magistrate is a Coroner for the Territory.”.

Power of  
Coroner to  
order  
post-mortem  
examination.

4. Section 14 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by inserting in sub-section (2), after the word “ deceased ”, the word “ person ”.

Heading.

5. The heading to Part V of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting the word “ INQUEST ” and substituting the word “ INQUESTS ”.

Power to  
order  
witnesses out  
of court.

6. Section 31 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting the word “ twenty-nine ” and substituting the figures “ 27 ”.