

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY  
RESERVED LAWS (INTERPRETATION) ORDINANCE 1989

ORDINANCE NO. 25 OF 1989

The Reserved Laws (Interpretation) Ordinance 1989 provides for the interpretation of those laws of the Territory which are not enactments within the legislative competence of the Legislative Assembly to be established by the Australian Capital Territory (Self-Governemnt) Act 1988.

Details of the Ordinance are as follows.

Section 1 provides that the Ordinance may be cited as the Reserved Laws (Interpretation) Ordinance 1989.

Section 2 provides that sections 1 and 2 come into operation on gazettal of the Ordinance. Subject to subsection 6(2), the remaining provisions will come into operation on self-government day.

Section 3 defines certain words commonly used in the Ordinance.

Section 4 applies the provisions of the Interpretation Ordinance 1967 as in force before self-government to the reserved laws subject to modifications, if any, contained in the Ordinance.

Section 5 makes it clear that when only certain provisions of a law are reserved they shall nevertheless be construed as part of the law in which they appear.

Section 6 amends reserved laws to make citation changes with effect from a date when a law referred to in a reserved law becomes an enactment of the ACT Legislative Assembly.

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OF THE MINISTER FOR ARTS  
AND TERRITORIES