

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

CANBERRA THEATRE TRUST (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1986

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Section 17 of the Canberra Theatre Trust Ordinance 1965 ("the Principal Ordinance") provides that the primary functions of the Canberra Theatre Trust are to use and manage the Canberra Theatre Centre for the presentation of the arts and to act as agent for the sale of tickets for events at other venues.

It was considered that the primary functions of the Theatre Trust should be complimented by a secondary function, that of promoting the presentation of the arts for the benefit of persons in the Territory. In particular, it was considered desirable to empower the Theatre Trust to engage in activities outside the Theatre Centre itself, in a way which is incidental to its prime responsibilities to manage the facilities at the Theatre Centre and to act as agent for the sale of tickets. By engaging in these wider activities the Theatre Trust would be able to improve its financial position and play a greater role in the development and presentation of the arts within the Territory.

The Canberra Theatre Trust (Amendment) Ordinance 1986 ("the Amending Ordinance") amends the Principal Ordinance to provide that the Theatre Trust may prepare, present and manage any production of the arts in any other place in the Territory where the Canberra Theatre Centre is not available or is unsuitable. In addition, the Amending Ordinance provides that the Theatre Trust has the additional powers to produce sets, props and costumes; and the ability to make its staff available for the presentation of productions outside the Canberra Theatre Centre.

The Amending Ordinance also amends section 26 of the Principal Ordinance consequential upon an amendment to the Audit Regulations (Commonwealth) (See Statutory Rules No. 132 of 1985).

Details of the Amending Ordinance are set out in Attachment A.

Authorised by the Minister
of State for Territories

EXPLANATION OF SECTIONS

Sections 1 and 2 deal with citation and interpretation.

Section 3 amends section 17 of the Principal Ordinance by inserting a new paragraph which provides that the functions of the Canberra Theatre Trust include the production or presentation of the arts in any other place in the Territory, when the Canberra Theatre Centre is not available or is unsuitable for use.

Section 4 amends section 18 of the Principal Ordinance in order to confer upon the Theatre Trust additional powers for:

- . the production of sets, props costumes and technical services for productions held outside of the Canberra Theatre Centre;
- . making staff available to other organisations involved in the production of the Arts; and
- . it to grant rights for the broadcasting of the productions of the Theatre Trust held outside the Canberra Theatre Centre.

Section 5 amends section 26 of the Principal Ordinance; this is necessary because of a recent amendment to the Audit Regulations which provided that the Theatre Trust was required to maintain its accounts as a non-commercial Authority rather than in accordance with commercial practice (as previously required).

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