

# POLICE (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1981

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

No.2 of 1981

The Police (Amendment) Ordinance 1981 repeals certain sections of the Police Ordinance 1927. These sections have become redundant since the incorporation of the A.C.T. Police into the Australian Federal Police on 15 June 1979 under the Australian Federal Police Act 1979.

Sections 1 and 2 of the Ordinance deal with interpretation provisions.

Section 3 of the Ordinance repeals section 4 of the Police Ordinance 1927 (the "Principal Ordinance") and inserts a new section 4. The new section replaces redundant definitions relating to the A.C.T. Police Force with definitions relating to the Australian Federal Police.

Section 4 of the Ordinance repeals sections 5 to 12 (inclusive) of the Principal Ordinance. These sections deal with the creation of the A.C.T. Police Force and with the powers of officers and working conditions within that Force.

Section 5 of the Ordinance amends section 13 of the Principal Ordinance by omitting sub-section (1). This sub-section deals with persons personating as members of the A.C.T. Police Force.

Section 6 of the Ordinance repeals section 25 of the Principal Ordinance. That section deals with assaulting or obstructing members of the A.C.T. Police Force.

Section 7 of the Ordinance repeals sections 26A and 27 of the Principal Ordinance. These sections deal with the power of the Minister for the Capital Territory to delegate powers and functions under the Principal Ordinance and the power of the Minister to make regulations under the Principal Ordinance, respectively.

Section 8 of the Ordinance amends the schedule to the Principal Ordinance to provide that a search warrant be signed by the Commissioner of Police of the Australian Federal Police.

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