

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

FIRST OFFENDERS (WOMEN) (REPEAL) ORDINANCE 1980

No. 3 of 1980.

This Ordinance repeals the First Offenders (Women) Ordinance 1947. That Ordinance provides that proceedings in connection with offences punishable on summary conviction in the Court of Petty Sessions are to be heard in private where the defendant is a woman of 16 years of age or more who has not previously been convicted of any offence. The defendant may however, elect to have the case heard in open Court. The Ordinance does not apply to shoplifting. Similar legislation was repealed in New South Wales in 1976 as discriminatory between men and women.

2. Section 2 effects the repeal but section 3 provides that it is not to apply to proceedings instituted before the repeal comes into force.

Authorized by the
Attorney-General

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