

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY  
REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND  
MARRIAGES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE (NO. 2) 1977

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The main purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Ordinance 1963 to:

- remove the obligation on parents to register still births, and
- enable a child's surname to be registered as the mother's maiden surname, the mother's surname or a combination of the mother's and father's surnames where both parents so request in writing.

Other amendments are designed to update the Ordinance or to facilitate the administration of the Ordinance and bring it into line with present practices.