

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
SEAWEED PROTECTION ORDINANCE 1974
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 3 of 1974

The waters within the Jervis Bay Territory contain a species of seaweed which is of considerable commercial value. It is the policy of the Government that the ecology of the area should not be interfered with and it wishes to forestall any attempts to harvest the seaweed.

The Seaweed Protection Ordinance will make it an offence, carrying a penalty of \$2,000, to remove seaweed from, or be in possession of seaweed within, the Jervis Bay Territory. It will be a defence to a prosecution for the offence of being in possession of seaweed if the defendant obtained the seaweed from waters outside the Jervis Bay Territory.

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