

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY  
SEAT OF GOVERNMENT (ADMINISTRATION) ORDINANCE 1971  
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Section 17 of the Seat of Government (Administration) Ordinance 1930-1968 provides for -

- . the appointment of Justices of the Peace by the Attorney-General; and
- . the registration of Justices of the Peace of a State who satisfy the Registrar of the Supreme Court that they reside in the Territory and have been so resident for at least one month.

The provisions of the Ordinance permitting the registration of State Justices of the Peace affords the Attorney-General no opportunity to consider the suitability of, or the need for, particular State Justices to be Justices of the Peace of the Territory. The provision is no longer a suitable one for the circumstances of the Territory and the main purpose of the proposed Ordinance is to repeal it. The position of State Justices who are presently registered as Justices of the Peace of the Territory will not be affected.

The proposed Ordinance also provides for the repeal of sections 15 and 16 of the present Ordinance which deal with the rights of persons to practise as barristers or solicitors in the Territory and to appear in Territory courts. These rights are now dealt with by the Judiciary Act 1966.