

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Australian Capital Territory

Crimes Ordinance 1970

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Crimes Act 1900 (N.S.W.) in its application to the Australian Capital Territory, in order to provide that the procuring of a female whether by drugs or otherwise shall be an offence irrespective of the age of the female and not be restricted to a female under the age of twenty-one years as presently provided in the Act. This amendment is necessary as part of the process of amending Australian State and Territorial law in order to enable the Commonwealth of Australia to accede to the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, in accordance with the Cabinet Decision No. 435 (GA) of 18 August 1968.

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