

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

CHILD WELFARE ORDINANCE 1968

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 27 of 1968

At present, the Child Welfare Ordinance 1957-1966 contains provisions pursuant to which the Court of Petty Sessions has the power to make orders on near relatives for the maintenance of children who have been declared wards or are committed to the care of some person or institution. The relatives are liable pursuant to these maintenance orders to pay for or contribute towards the maintenance of the children.

The Maintenance Ordinance 1968 deals comprehensively with all aspects of maintenance and includes provisions for the maintenance of children which in effect will supersede the provisions of the Child Welfare Ordinance 1957-1966.

In consequence the proposed Child Welfare Ordinance 1968 will repeal the provisions of the Child Welfare Ordinance 1957-1966 that deal with maintenance orders.

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