

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

CEMETERIES ORDINANCE 1966

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 9 of 1966

Legislative provision for control of cremation is currently contained in the Cemeteries Ordinance 1933-1961. This legislation, however, only permits the establishment and operation of a crematorium by the trustees of a public cemetery.

The National Capital Development Commission decided that a site should be made available away from the cemetery for the establishment of a crematorium by a private authority and the Minister for the Interior consequently approved the introduction of legislation to permit this and to provide comprehensively for the control of cremation.

It is proposed, therefore, to repeal those provisions of the Cemeteries Ordinance, namely, sub-sections (2.) and (3.) of section 7, which deal with control of cremation when the Cremation Ordinance is made.

The amendment to the Cemeteries Ordinance does not affect the provision in the principal Ordinance permitting the operation of a crematorium by the trustees of any public cemetery, but any such operation will now be subject to the controls included in the Cremation Ordinance.

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