

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

POUNDS ORDINANCE 1959

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 5 of 1959

As the Pounds Ordinance has not been amended since 1937, the following amendments are considered necessary to make certain minor adjustments and to bring the Ordinance up to date –

- (a) Pigs have been brought within the scope of the Ordinance.
- (b) The references to “tillage land” are being omitted, and references to land containing a garden or bearing a growing crop substituted.
- (c) Provision has been made for the charging of “deterrent fees”, which, as the term suggests, are a type of fine to discourage careless owners of stock from committing offences against the Ordinance.
- (d) “Sustenance fees” instead of being prescribed, are to be fixed by the Minister from time to time. This allows greater flexibility, as the cost of sustenance varies from season to season.
- (e) The requirement that charges, fees and rates should be painted on a large notice board has been modified so that it will only be necessary to display them prominently at the pound.
- (f) The provision relating to lodging cattle in the pound for “safe custody” has been omitted as it has never been used, nor is it desired to use it in the future.
- (g) It has been made unnecessary to publish notices in the Gazette in respect of unbranded cattle and of sales of cattle at the pound. The requirement of publication of such notices in the local press is sufficient.