

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE 1955

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 2 of 1955

This Ordinance amends the Traffic Ordinance 1937-1944 which deals with traffic other than motor traffic.

1. The rules of the road are amended (to conform with amendments made to the Motor Traffic Ordinance 1936-1951 in respect of motor traffic) –
  - (i) to eliminate the “patting the dog” signal for slowing down and retain only two signals, arm straight out for a right hand turn, divergence to the right, or drawing out from the kerb, and hand up for stop or slow down;
  - (ii) to put the onus on a person drawing out from the kerb not to do so until the way is clear;
  - (iii) to introduce the “short” right hand turn;
  - (iv) to require right of way to be given to the man on the right in all circumstances and for this purpose to deem double roads (such as Northbourne Avenue or Commonwealth Avenue) to be two one-way traffic roads.
2. Provision is made for pedestrian crossings and the pedestrian is given the right of way thereon.
3. Bicycles are to be equipped both with a rear light and a reflector when they are being used at night.