

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SUPREME COURT ORDINANCE 1952.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 8 of 1952

There is considerable doubt as to whether the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory has jurisdiction to entertain a suit for prohibition against a Commonwealth officer. In order to remove the doubt, this Ordinance has been drafted for the purpose of investing the Supreme Court with jurisdiction in all matters in which a writ of mandamus or prohibition or an injunction is sought against an officer of the Commonwealth in respect of the exercise by the officer, whether before or after the commencement of the Ordinance, of a power, duty, or function in relation to, or under a law in force in, the Territory.