

# AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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## Wills (Amendment) Ordinance 1989

No. 16 of 1989

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Ordinance under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*.

Dated 13 March 1989.

BILL HAYDEN  
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

CLYDE HOLDING  
Minister of State for the Arts  
and Territories

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An Ordinance to amend the *Wills Ordinance 1968*

### Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Wills (Amendment) Ordinance 1989*.<sup>1</sup>

(Ord. 80/88)—Cat. No.

Authorised by the ACT Parliamentary Counsel—also accessible at [www.legislation.act.gov.au](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au)

**Commencement**

2. This Ordinance commences on such date as is fixed by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*.

**Insertion**

3. After section 31 of the *Wills Ordinance 1968*<sup>2</sup> the following section is inserted:

**Legitimacy of issue**

“31A. A reference in a will to issue (however described) of a person shall, unless a contrary intention appears from the will, be construed as referring to all such issue, whether legitimate or illegitimate.”.

**Application**

4. The amendment effected by section 3 applies only in relation to wills made or republished after the commencement date.

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**NOTES**

1. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 22 March 1989.
2. No. 11, 1968 as amended by No. 65, 1977; No. 46, 1978; No. 46, 1983.