

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

TRESPASS ON COMMONWEALTH LANDS ORDINANCE 1973

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 8 of 1973

The proposed Trespass on Commonwealth Lands Ordinance 1973 will repeal the amendments made in 1972 to the Trespass on Commonwealth Lands Ordinance.

Broadly speaking the provisions proposed to be repealed prohibit camping and the erection of structures on unleased Commonwealth land within the City Area unless the land is a declared camping area or the person wishing to occupy the land in question is the holder of a permit issued to him for the purposes of conducting a fair or carnival and the like. The provisions were enacted to permit the removal of the “Aboriginal Embassy” then on the lawns outside Parliament House.

The Government has approved the repeal of the 1972 amendments pending the preparation of comprehensive legislation whereby public use of Commonwealth land in the Australian Capital Territory can be properly regulated.

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