

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
ADMINISTRATION AND PROBATE ORDINANCE (No.2) 1974
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to abolish the requirement to pay commission to the Curator of Deceased Estates, in respect of estates administered by him, where the value of the estate does not exceed \$30,000. (Section 2).

In addition, fees prescribed under the Ordinance are to cease to apply to those estates (Section 3).

The Ordinance also increases to \$30,000 the value of estates in respect of which -

- (a) an application for representation may be made direct to the Registrar of Probates; and
- (b) the Curator may file an election to administer the estate of a deceased person without the need for a formal grant of probate or administration (Schedule).

Finally, the value of estates which may be administered by the Curator under Section 87B is increased to \$5000 (Schedule).

These changes will enable the Curator to act on behalf of persons who would otherwise find the charges for administering those estates a severe financial burden.