

## Constitutional and Official Definitions



### **Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 1901**

Proclaimed and Gazetted. Clause 6 states: Definitions 6.

“The Commonwealth ” shall mean the **Commonwealth of Australia as established under this Act.**

each of such parts of the Commonwealth shall be called **“a State.”**

**Original States** shall mean such States as are parts of the Commonwealth at its establishment.



### **Acts Interpretation Act 1901 No. 2 states:-**

Constitutional and official Definitions 17. In any Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

(a) “ The Commonwealth ” shall mean the Commonwealth of Australia;

(b) “ Australia ” shall mean the whole of the Commonwealth;



### **Without a referendum or Crown Authority**

### **ACTS INTERPRETATION ACT (Commonwealth) 1973 No.**

79 amended Section 17 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*

### **“Constitutional and official Definitions**

4. (1) Section 17 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting paragraphs (a) and (b) and substituting the

following paragraph:—

(a) “**Australia**” or “**the Commonwealth**” means the Commonwealth of Australia, and when **used in a geographical sense**, does not include an external Territory;

### **Acts Interpretation Act Simplified outline**

This Act is like a dictionary and manual to use when reading and interpreting Commonwealth Acts and instruments made under Commonwealth Acts. The definitions and many of the interpretation rules are aimed at making Commonwealth legislation shorter, less complex and more consistent in operation. A provision of this Act is subject to a contrary intention in other Commonwealth legislation.



### **Royal Style and Titles Act 1973**

Act No 114 of 1973

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[19 October 1973]

## **Royal Style and Titles Act 1973**

No. [114] of 1973

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### **AN ACT**

Relating to the Royal Style and Titles.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the *Royal Style and Titles Act 1953*, Her Majesty, by Proclamation dated 28th May, 1953, adopted, as the Royal Style and Titles to be used in relation to the Commonwealth of Australia and its Territories, the Style and Titles set forth in the Schedule to that Act:

AND WHEREAS the Government of Australia considers it desirable to propose to Her Majesty a change in the form of the Royal Style and Titles to be used in relation to Australia and its Territories:

AND WHEREAS the proposed new Style and Titles, being the Style and Titles set forth in the Schedule to this Act, retains the common element referred to in the preamble to the *Royal Style and Titles Act 1953*:

BE IT THEREFORE enacted by the Queen, (*Note: Most Excellent Majesty removed*) the Senate and the House of Representatives of Australia, as follows:—

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the *Royal Style and Titles Act 1973*.

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**Assent to adoption of new Royal Style and Titles in relation to Australia.**

2. (1) The assent of the Parliament is hereby given to the adoption by Her Majesty, for use in relation to Australia and its Territories, in lieu of the Style and Titles set forth in the Schedule to the *Royal Style and Titles Act 1953*, of the Style and Titles set forth in the Schedule to this Act and to the issue for that purpose by Her Majesty of Her Royal Proclamation under such seal as Her Majesty by Warrant appoints.

(2) The Proclamation referred to in sub-section (1) shall be published in the *Gazette* and shall have effect on the date upon which it is so published.

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SCHEDULE

Royal Style and Titles

Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a fair print of the Royal Style and Titles Bill 1973 which originated in the House of Representatives and has been finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives.

[J. Pettifer]

*Acting Clerk of the House of Representatives*

~~IN THE NAME OF HER MAJESTY, I assent to this Act.~~

[ I reserve this proposed law for Her Majesty's pleasure] **(Her Majesty = Queen of Australia)**

[Paul Hasluck]

*Governor-General*

[September 14,] 1973



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## ROYAL WARRANT

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Elizabeth R

To Our Governor-General of Australia

WITH THIS you will receive a Great Seal prepared by Our Order for the use of Our Government of Australia.

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE IS, and We do hereby authorise and direct, that the Great Seal be used in sealing all things whatsoever that shall pass the Great Seal of Australia.

OUR WILL AND PLEASURE FURTHER IS that you do cause the Great Seal that accompanied Our Royal Warrant given at Our Court at Government House, Canberra, on 16 February 1954 to be defaced by you in Our Executive Council of Australia.

AND FOR SO DOING this shall be your Warrant.

GIVEN at Our Court at Government House, Canberra, on 19 October 1973.

By Her Majesty's Command,

E. G. WHITLAM

*Prime Minister*

*This is Whitlam's Seal for their Commonwealth after he changed the Constitutional Definition. "Australia" or "the Commonwealth" means the Commonwealth of Australia and, when used in a geographical sense, does not include an external Territory; (1973) Without a Referendum. This "Commonwealth of Australia" is a Private Company Registered in Washington DC Serial No. 89000533.*



*The Political Parties Commonwealth of Australia*

*Elizabeth R = Queen of Australia*

*Our Governor-General of Australia*

*Us = Our Government of Australia*

*Great Seal of Australia*

*Our Court at Government House*

*Royal Great Seal*

*Australian Government Gazette*

*Parliament of Australia*

*Our Executive Council of Australia*

*Our Australian Parliament*

*Our Royal Proclamation*

*Our Ministers of State for Australia*

*Our Royal Warrant*

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*Royal Great Seal*



*Great Seal of  
Australia*

***NOT the Commonwealth of Australia as established under the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act 1901 Proclaimed and Gazetted***

**ROYAL WARRANT**

Elizabeth R

To all and singular to whom this  
Warrant shall come, GREETING:

WHEREAS by Our Warrant given this day at Our Court at Government House,  
Canberra, We authorized and directed that a Great Seal prepared by Our Order  
for the use of Our Government of Australia be used in sealing all things what-  
soever that should pass the Great Seal of Australia:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the said Great Seal be used as a Royal  
Great Seal for certain purposes:

NOW THEREFORE Our Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby authorize  
and direct, that the said Great Seal be used as a Royal Great Seal in sealing  
all things whatsoever (other than things that pass the said Great Seal) that  
bear Our Sign Manual and the counter-signature of one of Our Ministers of  
State for Australia.

Given at Our Court at Government House, Canberra, on 19 October 1973.

By Her Majesty's Command,  
E. G. WHITLAM  
*Prime Minister*

**PROCLAMATION**

Australia

By His Excellency the  
Governor General of  
Australia

Paul Hasluck

Governor General

WHEREAS a proposed law entitled "An Act relating to the Royal Style and  
Titles" has been passed by both Houses of the Parliament of Australia:

AND WHEREAS, upon the proposed law being on 14 September 1973  
presented to me for Royal Assent, I declared that I reserved the proposed  
law for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure:

AND WHEREAS the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure has been com-  
municated to me:

NOW THEREFORE I, Sir Paul Meernaa Caedwalla Hasluck, the Governor-  
General of Australia, do hereby proclaim and make known that Her Majesty  
has been pleased to assent to the proposed law.

(LS)

GIVEN under my hand and the  
Great Seal of Australia  
on 19 October 1973

By His Excellency's Command,  
E. G. WHITLAM  
*Prime Minister*

ROYAL WARRANT

Elizabeth R

WHEREAS, by an Act of Our Australian Parliament entitled the ***Royal Style and Titles Act*** 1973, it is enacted that the assent of the said Parliament is given to the adoption by Us, for use in relation to Australia and its Territories, in lieu of the Style and Titles set forth in the Schedule to the act of Our Australian Parliament entitled the ***Royal Style and Titles Act*** 1953, of the Style and Titles set forth in the Schedule to the first mentioned Act, and to the issue for that purpose by Us of Our Royal Proclamation under such Seal as We by Warrant appoint:

NOW THEREFORE We do, by this Our Warrant, appoint the Great Seal of Australia, being the Seal that We have this day delivered to Our Governor-General of Australia, to be the Seal under which the said Royal Proclamation shall be issued.

GIVEN at Our Court at Government House, Canberra, on 19 October 1973.

By Her Majesty's Command,  
E. G. WHITLAM  
*Prime Minister*

BY THE QUEEN = (Queen of Australia)  
A PROCLAMATION

(LS)

Elizabeth R

WHEREAS, by an Act of the Parliament of Australia entitled the ***Royal Style and Titles Act*** 1973, it is enacted that the Assent of the said Parliament is given to the adoption by Us, for use in relation to Australia and its Territories, in lieu of the Style and Titles at present pertaining to the Crown, of the Style and Titles set forth in the Schedule to that Act, and to the issue for that purpose by Us of Our Royal Proclamation under such Seal as We by Warrant appoint:

AND WHEREAS We have this day, by Our Warrant, appointed the Great Seal of Australia to be the Seal under which the said Royal Proclamation shall be issued:

NOW THEREFORE We do hereby appoint and declare that henceforth, so far as conveniently may be, on all occasions and in all instruments wherein Our Style and Titles are used in relation to Australia and its Territories, the following Style and Titles shall be used, that is to say:

Royal Style and Titles  
Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of **God Queen of Australia** and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

By Her Majesty's Command,  
E. G. WHITLAM  
*Prime Minister*

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