

Aborigines Act 1969, New South Wales

1969 – 1983

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Details

The Aborigines Act 1969 (37/1969) was 'An Act to make provisions with respect to matters concerning Aborigines; to repeal the Aborigines Protection Act, 1909, and certain other Acts; to amend the Attachment of Wages Limitation Act, 1957.' It was a landmark Act that abolished the Aborigines Welfare Board and moved all Aboriginal children into the same welfare system as non-Aboriginal children. It made Aboriginal children who had been under the care of the Aborigines Welfare Board wards of the State. Aboriginal children's institutions were deemed to be depots under child welfare legislation. The Act reflected changing attitudes to Aboriginal people and the passage of the 1967 referendum. The new Act established Aboriginal Welfare Services in the Department of Child Welfare and Social Welfare; the Directorate of Aboriginal Welfare and the Aborigines Advisory Council. This Act was amended in 1973 and repealed in 1983 by the Aboriginal Land Rights Act.

More info

Chronology

- Aborigines Protection Act 1909, New South Wales (1909 - 1969)
 - **Aborigines Act 1969, New South Wales (1969 – 1983)**

Related Entries

Related Organisations

- [Aborigines Welfare Directorate, State Government of New South Wales \(1969 - 1975\)](#)
The *Aborigines Welfare Act 1969* established the Aborigines Welfare Directorate.
- [Cootamundra Training Home \(1911 - 1969\)](#)
The management of the Cootamundra Training Home was transferred to the Child Welfare Department by the *Aborigines Welfare Act 1969*.
- [Aborigines Welfare Board, State Government of New South Wales \(1940 - 1969\)](#)
The *Aborigines Welfare Act 1969* abolished the Aborigines Welfare Board.
- [Department of Child Welfare and Social Welfare, State Government of New South Wales \(1970 - 1973\)](#)
The *Aborigines Welfare Act 1969* transferred the full responsibility for Aboriginal children in the child welfare system to the Department of Child Welfare and Social Welfare.
- [Kinchela Training Home for Aboriginal Boys \(1923 - 1970\)](#)
The management of the Kinchela Training Home for Aboriginal Boys was transferred to the Child Welfare Department by the *Aborigines Welfare Act 1969*.

Resources

- Department of Child Welfare and Social Welfare, *Report of the Minister for Social Welfare on the working of the Aborigines Act, 1969.*, 1970
 - Parliamentary Counsel's Office, [NSW legislation](#), No date
 - Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), [To Remove and Protect](#), 2014
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