

Infant Convicts Act 1849, New South Wales

1849 – 1901

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Details

The Infant Convicts Act 1849 [21/1849 (13 Vic. No.21)], also known as 'An Act to provide for the Care and Education of Infants who may be convicted of Felony or Misdemeanour', allowed judges and magistrates to make custody orders, and send children into the care of other adults, when sentencing children convicted of crimes. It did not provide for a different system of Courts as in the later Children's Court: in this era, children were tried in adult courts, under the same laws. This Act was repealed by Infant Convicts Adoption Act 1901.

More info

Chronology

- **Infant Convicts Act 1849, New South Wales (1849 – 1901)**
 - Infant Convicts Adoption Act 1901, New South Wales (1901 - 1939)
 - Child Welfare Act 1939, New South Wales (1939 - 1987)
 - Adoption of Children Act 1965, New South Wales (1965 - 2003)
 - Adoption Act 2000, New South Wales (2000 - current)

Resources

- 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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