

Infants' Custody Act 1854, New South Wales

1854 – 1875

Other Names: • An Act to amend the Law relating to the Custody of Infants

URL: <https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/pdf/asmade/act-1854-1a>

Details

The Infants' Custody Act 1854 [1/1854 (18 Vic. No.1)] allowed mothers to claim custody of children under the age of seven who had been in the care of their fathers, upon the father's death. It did not apply, though, to women who had 'criminal conversation', or adultery, findings against them. It was repealed by the Custody of Infants Act 1875.

More info

Chronology

- **Infants' Custody Act 1854, New South Wales (1854 – 1875)**
 - Custody of Infants Act 1875, New South Wales (1875 - 1899)
 - Infants' Custody and Settlements Act, New South Wales (1899 - current)

Resources

- Parliamentary Counsel's Office, [NSW legislation](#), No date

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