

Infants' Custody and Settlements Act, New South Wales

1899 –

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Details

The Infants' Custody and Settlements Act (39/1899) was also known as 'An Act to consolidate the law relating to the custody of infants and the settlement of the property of infants'. This Act brought a number of previous pieces of legislation, to do with custody, marriage settlements, and damages recovered on behalf of children, under one umbrella Act. It set rules for when Courts could and should give custody of children between parents, and when to refuse custody. It set out rules for when children should be removed, either to close relatives, or to State boarding-out. It has been amended many times, most notably by the Guardianship of Infants Act 1934 and the Infants Custody and Settlements (Community Welfare) Amendment Act 1982 but in 2014 was still current.

More info

Chronology

- Infants' Marriage Settlements Act 1856, New South Wales (1856 - 1899)
- Custody of Infants Act 1875, New South Wales (1875 - 1899)
- Custody of Children and Children's Settlements Act 1894, New South Wales (1894 - 1899)
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Related Entries

Related Legislation

- [Community Welfare Act 1982, New South Wales \(1981 - 1987\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [State Children's Relief Board \(1881 - 1923\)](#)
- [State Children's Relief Department \(1881 - 1923\)](#)

Resources

- Weigall, Cecil Edward, *Infants' custody, maintenance & protection acts, (N.S.W.) : being Deserted Wives & Children Act, 1901; Infant Protection Act, 1904; Infants' Custody and Settlements Act, 1899; Infant Convicts' Adoption Act, 1901; Destitute Children's Society Act, 1901; State Children Relief Act, 1901; Children's Protection Act, 1902; and Neglected Children and Juvenile Offenders' Act, 1905, and regulations thereunder*, 1908
- Department of Justice, [History](#), Children's Court of New South Wales, 2012

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