

Aboriginal Affairs Act 1962, South Australia

1962 – 1972

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Details

The Aboriginal Affairs Act 1962 (Act No. 451963) was assented to on 15 November 1962 and commenced on 28 February 1963. Its full title was 'An Act to repeal the Aborigines Act, 1934-1939, and to promote the welfare and advancement of Aborigines and of persons of Aboriginal blood in South Australia and for other purposes'. It was repealed by the Community Welfare Act 1972 on 1 July 1972. The Aboriginal Affairs Act 1962 replaced the Aborigines Protection Board with the Aboriginal Affairs Board.

Key Provisions: Aborigines Protection Board replaced by Aboriginal Affairs Board. The new Board ceased to be the legal guardian of Aboriginal children. The duties of the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs include the management and regulation of reserves; general supervision and care over all matters affecting the welfare of Aborigines and persons of Aboriginal blood; 'in his absolute discretion to provide, in cases of need, when possible, for the maintenance and education of the children of Aborigines and persons of Aboriginal blood'; and 'to promote the social, economic and political development of Aborigines and persons of Aboriginal blood until their integration into the general community. The Board is to establish and maintain a Register of Aborigines and has the power to remove names of those persons 'who, in its opinion, are capable of accepting the full responsibilities of citizenship'. An applicant whose name the Board refuses to remove may appeal to a special magistrate. Amended by Aboriginal Affairs Act Amendment Act 1966/7 – provided for the establishment of Aboriginal Reserve Councils. Aboriginal Affairs Act Amendment Act 1968 – abolished the Register of Aborigines. Repealed by Community Welfare Act 1972.

More info

Chronology

- Aborigines Act 1934, South Australia (1934 - 1963)
 - **Aboriginal Affairs Act 1962, South Australia (1962 – 1972)**
 - Community Welfare Act 1972, South Australia (1972 - current)

Related Entries

Is amended by

- [Aboriginal Affairs Act Amendment Act 1967, South Australia \(1967 - 1972\)](#)
- [Aboriginal Affairs Act Amendment Act 1968, South Australia \(1968 - 1972\)](#)