



Seat of Government Act 1908

Act No. 24 of 1908 as amended

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An Act to Determine the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth

1 Short title [see Note 1]

This Act may be cited as the *Seat of Government Act 1908*.

3 Determination of Seat of Government

It is hereby determined that the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth shall be in the district of Yass-Canberra in the State of New South Wales.

4 Area of Federal Territory

The territory to be granted to or acquired by the Commonwealth for the Seat of Government shall contain an area not less than nine hundred square miles, and have access to the sea.

5 Power of entry for purpose of survey

- (1) Any person thereto authorized in writing by the Minister may, for the purposes of any survey of land with a view to ascertaining the territory proper to be granted to or acquired by the Commonwealth for the Seat of Government, enter upon and remain on any lands whether Crown lands of the State of New South Wales or not, and do thereon all things for the purposes of the survey, and shall do no more damage than is necessary.
- (2) The Commonwealth shall, out of moneys appropriated for the purpose, make compensation for any damage done to the property of any person in the exercise of powers conferred by this section.

Table of Acts**Notes to the *Seat of Government Act 1908*****Note 1**

The *Seat of Government Act 1908* as shown in this compilation comprises Act No. 24, 1908 amended as indicated in the Tables below.

Table of Acts

Act	Number and year	Date of Assent	Date of commencement	Application, saving or transitional provisions
<i>Seat of Government Act 1908</i>	24, 1908	14 Dec 1908	14 Dec 1908	
<i>Australian Capital Territory and Jervis Bay (Lands Acquisition) Act 1955</i>	70, 1955	4 Nov 1955	16 Feb 1956 (see <i>Gazette</i> 1956, p. 472)	—
<i>Statute Law Revision Act 1973</i>	216, 1973	19 Dec 1973	31 Dec 1973	Ss. 9(1) and 10

Table of Amendments

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ad. = added or inserted am. = amended rep. = repealed rs. = repealed and substituted

Provision affected	How affected
S. 2	rep. No. 216, 1973
S. 6	rep. No. 70, 1955
