

# Children's Protection Act 1892, New South Wales

1892 – 1902

**Other Names:** • An Act to provide for the Protection of Children

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## Details

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The Children's Protection Act 1892 [30/1892 (55 Vic. No.30)] was a broad-ranging Act that regulated the care of infants and children. It was a response to fears about 'baby-farming' and the sale of unwanted children. It made it an offence to charge a premium for arranging adoptions or to fail to report a stillbirth or the death of an infant. It also created a system of registering nursing homes that cared for infants and lying-in homes, where mothers gave birth. It provided for a stipendiary or police magistrate to commit to prison any child under fourteen convicted of an offence or place a child in a 'Home' or industrial institution for destitute and neglected children. It was Amended in 1900 to prevent child abuse and the selling of children. It was then repealed by the Children's Protection Act 1902.

## More info

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### Chronology

- **Children's Protection Act 1892, New South Wales (1892 – 1902)**
  - Children's Protection Act 1902, New South Wales (1902 - 1923)
  - Child Welfare Act 1923, New South Wales (1923 - 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)

### Related Entries

#### Related Glossary Terms

- [Baby Farming \(c. 1867 - c. 1910\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

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

#### Related Concepts

- [Adoption in New South Wales \(c. 1923 - current\)](#)

## Resources

- Parliamentary Counsel's Office, [NSW legislation](#), No date
  - State Records Authority of New South Wales, [Dept of Community Services](#), No date
  - Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), [To Remove and Protect](#), 2014
  - [Fifth Sectional Report Covering the Administration of the Acts relating to State Children](#), Royal Commission to Inquire into the Public Service of New South Wales, August 1920
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