

# Aborigines' and Torres Strait Islanders' Affairs Act 1965, Queensland

1965 – 1972

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## Details

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The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Act 1965, with the full title “An Act to Promote the Well-being and Progressive Development of the Aboriginal Inhabitants of the State and of the Torres Strait Islanders” (Act no.27/1965) replaced the position of Director of Native Welfare with that of Director of Aboriginal and Island Affairs. The Director was no longer the legal guardian of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, but still had the power to order an ‘assisted’ Aborigine or Islander who was not living on a reserve to return to a reserve. Upon the recommendation of an Aboriginal court on which the assisted Aborigine or Islander was residing, the Aborigine or Islander could be removed to another reserve. Regulations could be made for the care of the children of assisted Aborigines and Islanders who did not reside in state institutions. This act was repealed in 1972 by the Aborigines Act 1971 (Act no. 59/1971).

## More info

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### Chronology

- Torres Strait Islander Act 1939, Queensland (1939 - 1966)
- Aborigines Preservation and Protection Act 1939, Queensland (1939 - 1966)
  - **Aborigines' and Torres Strait Islanders' Affairs Act 1965, Queensland (1965 – 1972)**
    - Aborigines Act 1971, Queensland (1972 - 1984)
    - Torres Strait Islander Act 1971, Queensland (1972 - 1984)

### Related Entries

#### Is amended by

- [Aborigines' and Torres Strait Islanders' Affairs Act Amendment Act 1967, Queensland \(1967 - 1972\)](#)  
Date: 1967 - 1972

### Resources

- McCorquodale, John, [The legal classification of race in Australia](#), Aboriginal History, 1986
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