

NATIVE WOMEN'S PROTECTION ORDINANCE 1951.⁽¹⁾

No. 25 of 1951.

An Ordinance relating to the Protection of Native Women.

BE it ordained by the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Papua and New Guinea Act 1949-1950*, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Native Women's Protection Ordinance 1951*.⁽¹⁾ Short title.

2. This Ordinance shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Administrator by notice⁽¹⁾ in the *Gazette*. Commencement.

3.—(1.) Subject to this section, but notwithstanding anything contained in any other law of the Territory, a female native shall not reside or be in or upon any premises or the curtilage of any premises occupied by a person other than a native between the hours of six o'clock in the evening and six o'clock in the morning, unless the occupier of the premises has obtained the prior written consent of the District Commissioner for the District in which the premises are situated. Female natives not to reside on premises occupied by non-natives.

(2.) A married female native may reside or be in or upon premises or the curtilage of premises occupied by a person other than a native between the hours referred to in the last preceding sub-section if—

- (a) she is accompanied by her husband; or
- (b) the premises are those normally occupied by the female native and her husband.

(3.) A person causing or permitting a female native to reside or be in or upon any premises or the curtilage of any premises in contravention of this section shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: One hundred pounds or imprisonment for six months.

(1) Particulars of this Ordinance are as follows:—

Date on which made by Cwth. Administrator in Council.	Date on which notified in <i>Cwth. Gaz.</i>	Date on which took effect.
31.8.1951	6.9.1951	18.9.1951 (<i>Papua and N.G. Govt. Gaz.</i> of 18.9.1951)