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**National standardization: Treatment of names in multilingual areas**

### **Place-naming conventions in the Australian Capital Territory and Canberra, the national capital of Australia**

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#### **Summary\*\*\***

The present paper was written to explain how place-naming is undertaken in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and Canberra, the national capital of Australia. Canberra has a unique naming system, which dates back to its beginnings and provides an insight into Australia's history, and into the things that are dear to the hearts of Australians.

This paper:

- Explains how the naming method in Canberra turns the capital city into a memorial to Australia's heritage
- Discusses how place names are administered in the Australian Capital Territory
- Provides an overview of the history behind the place-naming convention of the Australian Capital Territory
- Explains the unique practices and guidelines of the Australian Capital Territory in relation to place-naming
- Outlines the legislative processes of the Australian Capital Territory
- Highlights the educational benefits and aspects of place-naming in the Australian Capital Territory

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