

Australia Acts 1986 (Cth & UK)



****Exact Text — Australia Acts 1986 (Cth & UK)**

Section 11 — Termination of Appeals to Her Majesty in Council**

“After the commencement of this Act, no appeal to Her Majesty in Council lies or shall be brought from a decision of an Australian court.”

“No Australian court is to have jurisdiction to grant leave to appeal to Her Majesty in Council.”

“If any provision of an existing law purports to confer such a right or jurisdiction, that provision is of no effect.”

LAYMAN’S VERSION — “Finality of Appeals”

Section 11 is basically Australia saying to England:



****“Righto, thanks for the help —**

but from now on, our courts decide our problems. No more running to the UK.”**Before 1986, if you didn’t like a High Court decision, you could (in rare cases) appeal to the Privy Council in London — the old imperial court.

The Australia Acts slammed that door shut.



What Section 11 means in plain Aussie:

- The **High Court of Australia** is the *final* court in the land.
- No appeals can go to the UK — **ever again**.
- No Australian judge can grant permission to appeal outside Australia.
- Any old law that *previously* allowed it is now **dead and void**.

This was the final legal cut of the umbilical cord between Australia and Britain in judicial matters.

After 1986: Aussie courts → Aussie rulings → Aussie final say.

No foreign court above the High Court. No external interference. No back door to London.

SUMMARY — Finality of Appeals

Section 11 of the Australia Acts 1986 is the final step in legal independence: **No more appeals to England**. The High Court is the top of the mountain.

Australia answers to Australia — full stop. It’s the moment the Founding Fathers would’ve cracked a beer and said:

“Righto boys, we’re fully running our own show now.”

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