Can my Australian Will deal with assets that I own overseas?

Yes, an Australian Will can deal with assets overseas, but generally it only covers assets in the jurisdiction where it was made. Australia is a signatory to the 1973 International Will Convention, which allows compliant Wills to be recognised in other signatory countries, though some countries (e.g., Thailand) are not covered.

MANAGING OVERSEAS ASSETS

To manage overseas assets, you can either:

- Make an International Will (if the country is a signatory), or
- Make **concurrent Wills** in each country where assets are held.

Concurrent Wills are often preferred because they:

- Allow faster estate distribution under local laws,
- Ensure compliance with local legal requirements, and
- Avoid complications in countries that don't recognise certain concepts (e.g., trusts).

When preparing concurrent Wills, ensure each Will does not revoke the other.

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