

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

W. S. MOWLE,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16 December, 1920.*

New South Wales.



ANNO UNDECIMO

GEORGII V REGIS.

Act No. , 1920.

An Act to refer to the Parliament of the Commonwealth the control of air navigation ; and for purposes connected therewith.

WHEREAS it is enacted by the constitution of the Preamble.
Commonwealth of Australia that the Parliament
of the Commonwealth shall, subject to the constitution,
have power to make laws for the peace, order, and good
5 government of the Commonwealth with respect to
matters referred to the Parliament of the Common-
wealth by the Parliament or Parliaments of any State or
States, but so that the law shall extend only to States by
whose Parliaments the matter is referred, or which
10 afterwards adopt the law : And whereas a convention
for determining by a common agreement certain uniform
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Commonwealth Powers (Air Navigation).

- rules with respect to international air navigation was signed on behalf of His Majesty in Paris on the thirtieth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen : And whereas it is expedient that provision should be made
- 5 by the Parliament of the Commonwealth for the control and regulation of the navigation of aircraft and for enabling effect to be given to the said convention : And whereas at a conference of the Premiers of the States held in May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty, it
- 10 was resolved that it is desirable that each of the Parliaments of the States should refer to the Parliament of the Commonwealth the matter of the control of air navigation, subject to the retention by each of the States of certain rights and powers specified in the resolution :
- 15 Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—
- 20 **1.** This Act may be cited as the “ Commonwealth Powers (Air Navigation) Act, 1920.” Short title.
- 2.** Subject to the limitations and reservations in this Act contained, the control of air navigation is referred to the Parliament of the Commonwealth. Control of air navigation referred to Commonwealth Parliament.
- 25 **3.** Nothing in this Act shall empower the Parliament of the Commonwealth, or any authority constituted or to be constituted under the Commonwealth, to affect or restrict the right of the State of New South Wales in regard to—
- 30 (a) the acquisition or ownership by the said State of aircraft or aerodromes ; or
- (b) the use for the purpose of the Government of the said State of aircraft operating within the said State ; or
- 35 (c) police powers ;
- and such rights and powers shall be retained by the said State as if this Act had not been passed.
- 4.** This Act shall only become operative when the legislature of all the States shall confer like powers on
- 40 the Commonwealth Parliament. Operation of Act.