New South Wales.



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Act No. 8, 1934.

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B^E it 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 :—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Royal Commis- Short title. sions (Amendment) Act, 1934."

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Royal Commissions (Amendment).

(2) The Royal Commissions Act, 1923, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the Royal Commissions Act, 1923-1934.

2. The Principal Act is amended—

(a) by inserting at the end of section twelve the following new subsection:---

(2) The Commission may employ such assistance as it deems proper for the carrying out of any inquiry or investigation, and may by writing authorise any person so employed to inspect and report to it upon any books, documents, writings or accounts it considers relevant to the subject matter of the inquiry.

(b) by inserting next after section twenty-three the following new section:---

23A. (1) Any person who, with intent to delay or obstruct the carrying out by a commission appointed under this Act of any inquiry, destroys or alters any book, document, or record relating to the subject matter of the inquiry, or sends or attempts to send, or conspires with any other person to send out of New South Wales any such book, document or record, or any property of any description belonging to or in the disposition of or under the control of any person or company whose affairs are the subject matter of the inquiry, shall be guilty of an indictable offence, and shall be liable to be imprisoned for a period not exceeding five years.

(2) If in any prosecution for an offence against this section it is proved that the person charged with the offence has destroyed or altered any book, document, or record, or has sent or attempted to send, or conspired to send out of New South Wales any such book, document, or record, or any other thing, the onus of proving that in so doing he had not acted in contravention of this section shall be upon him.

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Amendment of Act No. 29, 1923.

Sec. 12.

(Inspection of documents.)

New s. 23A.

Delaying and obstructing commission.

Act No. 8, 1934.

Royal Commissions (Amendment).

3. The Companies Act. 1899, is amended—

(a) by inserting in section eighty-nine next after sec. 89. subsection one the following new subsection :- (Applica-

(1A) When an inquiry into the affairs of a winding up.) company has been made by a Royal Commission appointed under the Royal Commissions Act. 1923-1934, and the Royal Commission recommends that steps should be taken to have the company wound up, a petition in that behalf may be presented by the Attorney-General.

(b) by inserting next after section two hundred and New sec. fifty-seven the following new section :--

257A. (1) Where (in the case of a company Prohibition formed or incorporated outside New South against Wales) on any petition presented by the business in Wales) on any petition presented by the business in Attorney-General pursuant to subsection (1A) cases. of section eighty-nine, an order is made for the affairs of the company so far as New South Wales assets are concerned, to be wound up in New South Wales, such company shall not carry on business or establish or keep a place of business within New South Wales.

(2) Every company which fails to comply with the provisions of subsection one of this section and every officer or agent of the company concerned in the contravention of that subsection, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five hundred pounds, and in the case of a continuing offence, to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds for every day during which the default continues.

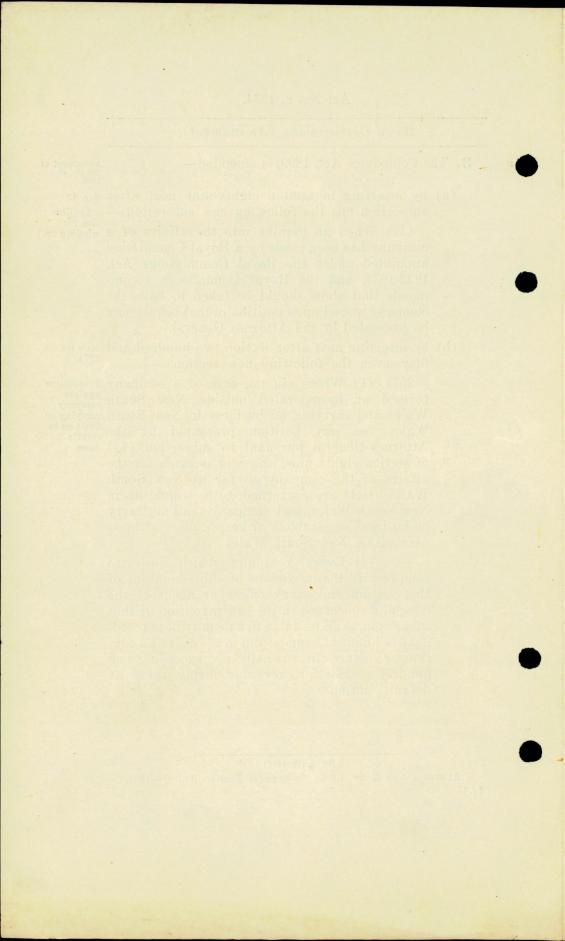
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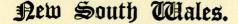
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I certify that this PUBLIC BILL, which originated in the LEGIS-LATIVE ASSEMBLY, has finally passed the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of NEW SOUTH WALES.

W. R. McCOURT, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 8 August, 1934.





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I have examined this Bill, and find it to correspond in all respects with the Bill as finally passed by both Houses.

> W. W. HEDGES, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly.

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Sec. 12. (Inspection of documents.)

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In the name and on behalf of His Majesty I assent to this Act.

> P. W. STREET, Lieutenant-Governor.

Government House. Sydney, 8th August, 1934.

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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. R. McCOURT, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 8 August, 1934.





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