

New South Wales



ANNO SECUNDO

ELIZABETHÆ II REGINÆ

Act No. 4, 1953.

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BE it enacted by the Queen'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:—

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- (c) in any country or place out of the said State before a British Consular Officer or an Australian Consular Officer exercising his functions in that country or place.

(2) In this section and in section 26A of this Act—

“Australian Consular Officer” means a person appointed to hold or act in any of the following offices (being an office of the Commonwealth of Australia) in a country or place outside the Commonwealth of Australia, namely, Ambassador, High Commissioner, Minister, Head of Mission, Commissioner, Chargé d’ Affaires, Counsellor or Secretary at an Embassy, High Commissioner’s Office or Legation, Consul-General, Consul, Vice-Consul, Trade Commissioner and Consular Agent.

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By Authority:

A. H. PETTIFER, Government Printer, Sydney, 1953.

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I certify that this PUBLIC BILL, which originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, has finally passed the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of New South Wales.

H. ROBBINS,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 22 September, 1953.

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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.

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Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly.

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

J. NORTHCOTT,
Governor.

Government House,
Sydney, 25th September, 1953.

*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.*

H. ROBBINS,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15 September, 1953.

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[Mr. SHEAHAN;—2 *September*, 1953.]

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OATHS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1953.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

THE objects of this Bill are—

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- (b) to enable instruments executed outside the State to be verified before Australian Consular Officers in the same way as they may at present be verified before British Consular Officers under section 168 of the Conveyancing Acts, 1919-1943.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
HAS THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE
THE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER
OF THE 10TH INSTANT
RELATIVE TO THE MATTER
MENTIONED IN THE
ENCLOSED COPY OF
YOUR LETTER OF THE 2ND INSTANT
AND TO INFORM YOU THAT
THE MATTER IS BEING
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