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# No. , 1976.

# A BILL

To amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1920, with respect to death duties.

[Mr F. J. WALKER on behalf of Mr RENSHAW—16 November, 1976.]

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**B**<sup>E</sup> 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 5 follows t—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Stamp Duties Short (Amendment) Act, 1976".

2. The Stamp Duties Act, 1920, is amended in the Amendment of Act No. manner set forth in Schedules 1 and 2.

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#### SCHEDULE 1.

Sec. 2.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO DEATH DUTY EXEMPTION FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS.

(1) Section 101D (6)—

After section 101D (5), insert :---

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(6) In the case of every person who dies on or after the date of assent to the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1976, whether in New South Wales or elsewhere and who was at the date of his death domiciled in New South Wales, no death duty shall be chargeable—

- (a) on any property, other than non-aggregated property, included in the dutiable estate of the deceased—
  - (i) being property which passes by the intestacy or under the will of the deceased to the widow or widower of the deceased; or

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AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO DEATH DUTY EXEMPTION FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS—continued.

> (ii) being property which, or the value of which, is included by this Act in that dutiable estate where the beneficial interest in the property on the death of the deceased is vested in or passes to the widow or widower of the deceased; or

(b) on any non-aggregated property included in the dutiable estate of the deceased and directed by this Act to be separately assessed which passes on the death of the deceased or at any time determinable by reference to the death of the deceased to the widow or widower of the deceased.

(2) Section 112D (9)—

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#### After section 112D (8), insert :--

(9) In the case of every person who dies on or after the date of assent to the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1976, no death duty shall be payable on any non-aggregated property included in the dutiable estate of the deceased and directed by this Act to be separately assessed where the Commissioner is satisfied that any such property passing on the cesser of the limited interest to the widow or widower of the person who created the limited interest was included in the estate of the person who created the limited interest and any duty payable thereon was paid.

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(1) (a) Section 100-

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Omit "and the Third Schedule hereto".

(b) Section 100, definitions of "Associate" and "Associated operations"—

After the definition of "Administrator", insert :---

"Associate", in relation to a controlled company, means—

- (a) a director or member of that company;
- (b) a person who has any voting rights at any meeting of, or in relation to, that company in relation to any disposition of property by that company, whether or not he has any such rights in relation to any other disposition of property by that company; or
- (c) a person who, by the constitution of that company, possesses, alone or together with any other person or persons—
  - (i) a right to appoint or remove any director of that company; or
  - (ii) a right to veto or vary a decision at any meeting of, or in relation to, that company,

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> and includes an associate, as hereinbefore defined, of another controlled company which is one of the five or fewer persons under whose control the firstmentioned controlled company is or to which the firstmentioned controlled company is related within the meaning of the Companies Act, 1961.

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"Associated operations" means any two or more operations, being or being of a kind similar to—

> (a) operations which affect the same property, or one or more of which affects or affect some property and the other or others of which affects or affect property which represents, whether directly or indirectly, that property, or income arising from that property, or any property representing accumulations of any such income; or

# (b) operations—

 (i) each of which is effected with reference to another or each of which, except one, is effected with reference to another, that one being an operation with reference to which the other operation is or the other operations are effected; or

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> (ii) each of which is effected with a view to enabling another of those operations to be effected or to facilitating its being effected or each of which, except one, is effected with that view, that one being an operation with a view to effecting which or to facilitating the effecting of which the other operation is or the other operations are effected,

whether those operations are effected by the same person or by different persons and whether or not they or any two or more of them are simultaneous.

(c) Section 100, definitions of "Controlled company" and "Corporation"—

#### After the definition of "Child", insert :---

"Controlled company", in relation to a disposition of property, means any corporation which, at any relevant time referred to in subsection (6) (whether that time is on, before or after the date of assent to the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1976) is under the control of not more than five persons, is not a listed corporation, is not a corporation in which the public are substantially

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#### SCHEDULE 2-continued.

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> interested and is not a subsidiary of a corporation in which corporation the public are substantially interested, but does not include a corporation the members of which are precluded, by its constitution, from being paid any dividend and would, if the corporation were to be wound up, be precluded from receiving any part of the assets of the corporation.

"Corporation" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 5 (1) of the Companies Act, 1961.

(d) Section 100, definition of "Director"—

Before the definition of "Disposition of property", insert :---

"Director" has the meaning ascribed to that expression in the Companies Act, 1961.

(e) Section 100, definition of "Disposition of property"—

Omit the definition, insert instead :--

"Disposition of property" means-

- (a) a conveyance, transfer, assignment, mortgage, delivery, payment or other alienation of property whether at law or in equity;
- (b) the creation of any trust;

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# AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

5	(c) the release, discharge, surrender, forfeiture or abandonment at law or in equity of any debt, contract or chose in action, or of any right, power, estate or interest in or over any property;
	(d) the exercise of a general power of appointment in favour of any person other than the donee of the power;
.5	(e) an agreement, obligation, engage- ment, arrangement, contract or transaction entered into by a person, an act done or effected or omitted to be done or effected
20	by a person, or a forbearance by a person to exercise a right or power, as a result of which— (i) the value of the total
25	(1) the value of the total property of that person is, whether during his life- time or upon or in consequence of his death, directly or indirectly diminished; and
0	(ii) the value of the total property of some other person is directly or indirectly increased,
5	whether or not at the request or subject to the acquiescence or on behalf of a person;

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> (f) the distribution by a controlled company of a dividend upon shares held in that company or the payment of interest on money advanced to that company, whether or not the dividend or interest is paid to the shareholder or creditor entitled thereto, accumulated or invested on his behalf, credited in his name to a loan account or fund however designated or otherwise held or dealt with on his behalf or as he may permit or direct; or

> (g) the allotment or issue of shares in or debentures of a controlled company, the grant of rights to a person in or in relation to a controlled company or the grant of an option to take up unissued shares in a controlled company or to acquire rights in or in relation to a controlled company,

whether or not effected by an instrument in writing, by a person alone or by two or more persons or by associated operations and whether effected on, before or after the date of assent to the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1976.

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# (f) Section 100, definition of "Listed corporation"— After the definition of "Gift", insert :—

"Listed corporation" means a corporation any of the shares in which are quoted on a stock exchange and any corporation which is, by virtue of section 6 (5) of the Companies Act, 1961, deemed to be related to a corporation any of the shares in which are quoted on a stock exchange and in none of the shares in which a natural person has a beneficial interest, whether or not the stock exchange is a stock exchange within the meaning of the Securities Industry Act, 1975.

(g) Section 100, definition of "Share"-

After the definition of "Settlement", insert :---

"Share", in relation to a controlled company, includes stock in that company.

(h) Section 100 (2)-(24)-

At the end of section 100, insert :--

(2) For the purposes of the definitions of "Associate" and "Controlled company" in subsection (1)—

> (a) "a subsidiary of a corporation" has the same meaning as that expression has in the Companies Act, 1961;

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#### SCHEDULE 2-continued.

- AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.
  - (b) a corporation shall be deemed to be a corporation in which the public are substantially interested only if—
    - (i) the right to exercise more than twenty-five per centum of the voting power in respect of all of the matters that may be dealt with at a general meeting of the corporation is held on their own behalf by persons other than a controlled company or an associate of a controlled company; and
      - (ii) in the case of a corporation limited by shares or by shares and guarantee, the right to transfer those shares is not restricted and those shares are, in the opinion of the Commissioner, generally available for purchase by the public;
    - (c) a corporation shall be deemed to be under the control of not more than five persons—
      - (i) if any five or fewer persons together possess, or possess a right the exercise of which would directly or indirectly enable them to acquire, the majority of the voting power in relation to any matter at a

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> general meeting of the corporation, whether or not possessed in relation to any other matter that may be dealt with at such a meeting;

(ii) if any five or fewer persons together exercise, or are able to exercise, or possess a right the exercise of which would directly or indirectly enable them to acquire a right to exercise, direct or indirect control of the affairs, or any of the affairs, of the corporation and they cannot be deprived of that control by the exercise of the voting power of any other person or persons at a general meeting of the corporation;

(iii) if, in the case of a corporation limited by shares or by shares and guarantee, any five or fewer persons together possess, or possess a right the exercise of which would directly or indirectly enable them to acquire, shares in the corporation, the paid-up amount of which is more than one-half of the paidup share capital of the corporation;

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# AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

(iv) if any five or fewer persons together possess a right, or possess a right the exercise of which would directly or indirectly enable them to acquire the right, being in either case a right which would, if the whole of the income of the corporation were in fact distributed to the members, entitle them to receive more than one-half of the amount so distributed; or

(v) if any five or fewer persons would, if the corporation were to be wound up, be entitled to receive more than one-half of the net assets of the corporation which would be available for distribution; and

(d) in determining whether a corporation is or is not under the control of not more than five persons, a person who is related to another person and that other person, a person who is a nominee of another person and that other person and any other nominees of that other person, persons in partnership, or persons interested in any shares or obligations of the corporation which are subject to any trust or are part of the estate of a deceased person, shall be treated as one person.

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(3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(d)—

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(a) a person shall be deemed to be related to another person if one of those persons is the lineal issue, brother, sister, lineal issue of a brother or sister, spouse, ancestor of the spouse, brother or sister of the spouse, spouse of the brother or sister of the spouse, lineal issue of the brother or sister of the spouse, spouse of the lineal issue, spouse of a brother or sister, spouse of the lineal issue of a brother or sister or spouse of the lineal issue of the brother or sister of the spouse of the other of those persons;

(b) a corporation shall be deemed to be related—

 (i) to a person, if the corporation is a controlled company and any of its associates is related, as mentioned in paragraph (a), to that person; or

(ii) to another corporation, if those corporations are controlled companies and either if any associate of one of them is related, as mentioned in paragraph (a), to any associate of the other of them or if they are related corporations within the meaning of the Companies Act, 1961; and

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# AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

(c) if any two persons are related to another person, as mentioned in paragraph (a), those two persons shall, although they are not related to one another as so mentioned, be deemed to be related to one another.

(4) A reference in subsection (3) (a) to lineal issue includes a reference—

(a) to a step-child; and

(b) to an adopted child,

and a step-child shall, for the purposes of subsection (3) (a), be deemed to be related to any other persons in the same manner as he would be if he were the child of both his stepparent and the spouse of his step-parent.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (2) (d), a person shall be deemed to be the nominee of another person in respect of a corporation if, whether directly or indirectly, he possesses on behalf of that other person, or may be required to exercise on the direction of or on behalf of that other person, any right or power in relation to that corporation.

(6) The reference in the definition of "Controlled company" in subsection (1) to the relevant time is a reference to any time during the period ending with the death of the deceased and beginning at the date of the disposition of property or, if that disposition of property was effected by associated operations, at the date of the earliest of those operations.

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#### SCHEDULE 2—continued.

# AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

(7) Where a debt, contract, chose in action or a right, power, estate or interest in or over property is irrecoverable or unenforceable through the lapse of time or otherwise, it shall—

 (a) for the purposes of paragraph (c) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in subsection (1), be deemed to have been released, discharged, surrendered, forfeited, renounced, disclaimed or abandoned; and

(b) for the purposes of this Part and Part V, be deemed to have been released, discharged, surrendered, forfeited, renounced, disclaimed or abandoned at the time when it became so irrecoverable or unenforceable.

(8) Where, but for the fact that the transaction from which it arises or which it constitutes is void, a debt, contract, chose in action or a right, power, estate or interest in or over property would arise or be constituted and be recoverable or enforceable, the debt, contract, chose in action, right, power, estate or interest shall—

 (a) for the purposes of paragraph (c) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in subsection (1), be deemed to have been released, discharged, surrendered, forfeited, renounced, disclaimed or abandoned; and

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# AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

(b) for the purposes of this Part and Part V, be deemed to have been released, discharged, surrendered, forfeited, renounced, disclaimed or abandoned at the time when the transaction is entered into.

(9) Neither subsection (7) nor subsection (8) applies to or in respect of a debt, contract, chose in action, right, power, estate or interest in or over property if the Commissioner is satisfied that the transaction was a normal commercial transaction and that it would not be just and reasonable in the circumstances that subsection (7) or (8), as the case may be, should apply.

(10) Where, after any debt, contract, chose in action or any right, power, estate or interest in or over property is to be deemed to have been released, discharged, surrendered, forfeited, renounced, disclaimed or abandoned, as mentioned in subsection (7) or (8), so as to constitute a gift, there passes from the person to whom the disposition is made to the person by whom the disposition is made any consideration (in this subsection referred to as "return consideration") that, had the debt, contract, chose in action, right, power, estate or interest in or over property not been irrecoverable or unenforceable or not arisen from or not constituted a void transaction, would have been consideration to which that lastmentioned person was entitled on account of the debt, contract,

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- AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.
  - chose in action or right, power, estate or interest in or over property, then, for the purposes of this Part and Part V—
    - (a) the value of the property in the gift shall be reduced by the return consideration; and
    - (b) the passing of the return consideration shall be deemed not to be a disposition of property.

(11) For the purposes of paragraph (e) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in subsection (1), the passing of a resolution or the making of a decision by, within or on behalf of a controlled company shall be deemed to be a transaction entered into by the controlled company.

(12) Without affecting subsection (13) (b), for the purposes of this Part and Part V—

(a) a diminution in the value of the total property of a person, as referred to in paragraph (e) (i) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in subsection (1), shall be deemed to occur by virtue of a result referred to in paragraph (e) of that definition if the value of all of the property to which that person is beneficially entitled immediately after that result is less, by virtue of that result, than the value of all of the property to which he was beneficially entitled immediately before that result; and

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AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

(b) an increase in the value of the total property of a person, as referred to in paragraph (e) (ii) of that definition, shall be deemed to occur by virtue of a result referred to in paragraph (e) of that definition if the value of all of the property to which that person is beneficially entitled immediately after that result is greater, by virtue of that result, than the value of all of the property to which he was beneficially entitled immediately after that result, then the value of all of the property to which he was beneficially entitled immediately before that result,

whether or not the diminution and increase are simultaneous.

(13) Except where otherwise expressly provided, for the purposes of this Part and Part V—

- (a) the diminution of the value of the total property of the person referred to in paragraph (e) (i) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in subsection (1) shall be deemed to be property;
- (b) a disposition of property referred to in paragraph (e) of that definition shall be deemed to be made and the property therein to pass at the time the value of total property of the person referred to in paragraph (e) (ii) of that definition is increased, but if that time is at the death of the deceased or is a time related to his death shall be deemed to be made immediately before his death;

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(c) the person referred to in paragraph (e)
(i) of that definition shall be deemed to be the person by whom the disposition is made or from whom the property therein passes and the person referred to in paragraph (e) (ii) of that definition shall be deemed to be the person to whom the disposition is made or to whom the property therein passes;

(d) the value of the property in the disposition shall be deemed to be an amount that is equivalent to the amount by which the value of the total property—

- (i) of the person referred to in paragraph (e) (i) of that definition is diminished; or
- (ii) of the person referred to in paragraph (e) (ii) of that definition is increased,

whichever is the greater;

- (e) in determining whether or not an increase in the value of the total property of a person referred to in paragraph (e) (ii) of that definition has occurred and, if so, the value of the increase, no allowance shall be made in respect of any contingency affecting the interest of that person;
- (f) in determining whether or not a diminution in the value of the total property of the person referred to in

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AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

> paragraph (e) (i) of that definition has occurred and, if so, the value of the diminution, no allowance shall be made in respect of any contingency affecting the interest of that person; and

(g) the property the subject of the disposition shall be deemed to be personal property situate in New South Wales except to the extent that, if the person referred to in paragraph (e) (i) of that definition is at his death domiciled outside New South Wales, the Commissioner, in his absolute discretion, determines that that property shall not be regarded as being personal property situate in New South Wales.

(14) Where any consideration for a disposition of property consists of a covenant, promise or option entered into or granted to a deceased person and that covenant, promise or option remained unperformed or unexercised, in whole or in part, at his death, and could only be performed or exercised during his lifetime, the disposition shall be deemed to be a gift made immediately before his death the value of which shall be deemed to be the consideration in money or money's worth paid or payable by the deceased in respect of the covenant, promise or option reduced by the value of such part, if any, of the covenant, promise or option as was performed or exercised before his death.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

(15) Where—

(a) a disposition of property—

- (i) not being an allotment or issue of shares, the grant of an option to take up unissued shares or the payment of interest, is made by a controlled company, either alone or together with any other person or persons without full consideration in money or money's worth; or
- (ii) being an allotment or issue of shares or the grant of an option to take up unissued shares, is made by a controlled company; and
- (b) the passing of the resolution or the making of the decision whereby the disposition was made or the obligation to make the disposition was created—
  - (i) resulted, whether wholly or partly or directly or indirectly, from the exercise of a right or power that was possessed or that, by the constitution of the controlled company, was expressed to be possessed by a particular person; or

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 (ii) could have been prevented by the exercise of a right or power that was possessed or that, by the constitution of the controlled company, was expressed to be possessed by a particular person,

either alone or together with any other person or persons, that particular person or that particular person and that other or those other persons, as the case may be, shall, for the purposes of this Part and Part V, be deemed to have been the person or persons by whom the disposition of the property is made and the property in the disposition shall be deemed to be the property in the disposition made by the controlled company.

(16) Where a disposition of property, being the payment of interest, is made by a controlled company, either alone or together with any other person or persons, the associates of that company shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to have been the persons by whom the disposition of property is made and the property in the disposition shall be deemed to be that interest.

(17) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, a disposition of property referred to in subsection (15) (a) (i), being a distribution of dividend, or a disposition of property referred to in subsection (15) (a) (ii) or (16), any such

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disposition being a disposition of property deemed pursuant to subsection (15) or (16) to have been made by a person other than the controlled company, shall, for the purposes of this Part and Part V, be deemed to have been made without consideration except to the extent that—

- (a) in case of a disposition referred to in subsection (15) (a) (i), being a distribution of dividend, or a disposition referred to in subsection (15) (a) (ii), the consideration, if any, that passed from the person to whom the disposition is made to the person or persons by whom the disposition is made or to the controlled company was, in the opinion of the Commissioner, full consideration having regard—
  - (i) to the nature and extent of the right or power that could have been exercised by the person or persons by whom the disposition is deemed to be made;
  - (ii) to any increase in the value of the total property of the person to whom the disposition is deemed to be made that resulted from the disposition;
  - (iii) to the nature and extent of the respective interests of the associates of the company; and

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> (iv) to any other circumstances that he thinks relevant; and

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(b) in the case of a disposition referred to in subsection (16), the Commissioner is satisfied that the payment of the interest was made in the course of a normal commercial transaction and that it would not be just and reasonable in the circumstances that that subsection should apply.

(18) For the purposes of subsection (17), a disposition of property referred to in subsection (15) shall be deemed to have been made for full consideration—

(a) where the disposition (in the case of a distribution of dividend or an allotment or issue of shares) is made to all the shareholders of the company in proportion to their respective paid-up shareholdings (not being shareholdings entitled to a fixed rate of dividend); or

(b) to the extent that the person or persons deemed by subsection (15) to be the person or persons by whom the disposition is made disposes or dispose of the property in the disposition to himself or themselves.

(19) Where a person dies and within three years before his death, he was either an associate, referred to in paragraph (c) of the definition of

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# AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

"Associate" in subsection (1), of a controlled company or was an associate of a controlled company by reason of his possessing, or possessing a right the exercise of which would directly or indirectly have enabled him to acquire, the majority of the voting power or control over the majority of the voting power at a meeting of, or in relation to, a controlled company in relation to any disposition of property by the company, whether or not he has that power in relation to any other disposition of property by the company (that person being referred to in this subsection as a controller of that company)—

- (a) he shall be deemed to have been, immediately before the prescribed time, possessed of an interest in the company and that interest shall be deemed to be property of which he shall be deemed to have made a disposition at the prescribed time;
- (b) the value of the property in the disposition shall be deemed to be an amount equal to the net value of the assets of the company immediately before the prescribed time less, where the company was wound up within three years before his death, any amount received by him on the winding up out of those net assets;
- (c) the property in the disposition shall be deemed to be personal property situate in New South Wales except to the

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> extent that, if that controller is at his death domiciled outside New South Wales, the Commissioner, in his absolute discretion, determines that that property shall not be regarded as personal property situate in New South Wales; and

(d) the disposition shall be deemed to have been made to the other associate or associates of the company in such proportions as the Commissioner, in his absolute discretion, may determine but having regard to the matters referred to in subsection (22).

(20) The references in subsection (19) (a) and (b) to the prescribed time in relation to a controller, referred to in subsection (19), of a controlled company is—

- (a) where the company had not been wound up before the death of the controller, a reference to the time of his death; or
- (b) where the company had been wound up within three years before the death of the controller, the time of the winding up of the company.

(21) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, a disposition of property referred to in subsection (19) shall, for the purposes of this

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> Part and Part V, be deemed to have been made without consideration except to the extent that the Commissioner, in his absolute discretion, determines that it would not be just and reasonable to regard the disposition as having been made without consideration, and in making that determination the Commissioner shall have regard to—

> > (a) the extent, if any, to which the value of the rights and powers of the controller referred to in subsection (19) in the controlled company are, in the opinion of the Commissioner, reflected in the dutiable estate of the controller, other than in the property referred to in subsection (19) (a);

- (b) the nature and extent of the interest of the controller in the controlled company and of other associates of that company immediately before the prescribed time referred to in subsection (19) (a);
- (c) any increase in the value of the total property of the person to whom the disposition is made that resulted from the disposition; and
- (d) any other matters that he thinks relevant.

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  - (22) The matters to which the Commissioner is required to have regard, as referred to in subsection (19) (d), are—
    - (a) the nature and extent of any right or power that could have been exercised by the controller referred to in subsection (19) in relation to the controlled company;
    - (b) any increase in the value of the total property of the person or persons to whom the disposition is made that resulted from the disposition;
    - (c) the nature and extent of the respective interests of the associates of the company; and
    - (d) any other circumstances that he thinks relevant.

(23) For the purposes of this section, except subsections (19), (20), (21) and (22)—

(a) a member of a company limited by guarantee or limited both by shares and guarantee, that member being a guarantor of that company, shall be deemed to be the holder of shares in the company as if it were a company limited only by shares, those shares having a total paid-up value equal to the amount of the guarantee and having attached to them the same rights,

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> powers and obligations as the guarantor who is deemed to be the holder of them enjoys or is subject to in relation to the company; and

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(b) any distribution of a share in the profits or income of such a company shall be deemed to be a distribution of a dividend.

(24) Except where otherwise expressly provided, where, under this Part, the dutiable estate of a deceased person would, but for this subsection, include two or more different kinds of property the disposition of which, in the opinion of the Commissioner, arose from the same or substantially similar circumstances, the dutiable estate of that deceased person shall include only property of such one of those kinds as attracts the higher or highest amount of death duty.

(2) (a) Section 102 (2) (c) (i)—

Omit ", or the proceeds of the sale thereof,".

25 (b) Section 102 (2) (c)—

After "deceased.", where lastly occurring, insert :---

The property passing under any such settlement, trust or other disposition of property made by the deceased shall be deemed to include the proceeds of the sale or conversion of the property originally comprised in the settlement,

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trust or other disposition of property and all investments for the time being representing it and all property which has in any manner been substituted for the property so comprised.

Where the property originally comprised in the settlement, trust or other disposition of property cannot, in the opinion of the Commissioner, be identified in the proceeds of the sale or conversion of that property or in investments representing it or in any substituted property at the death of the deceased, the property to be deemed to be included shall (except where the property so comprised was in a disposition of property made for the purchase of an annuity to a person authorised to carry on insurance business under, or a person not prohibited from carrying on insurance business by, the Insurance Acts 1973 of the Parliament of the Commonwealth) be the value of that property at the time the settlement, trust or other disposition of property was made or such lesser value as is determined by the Commissioner in his absolute discretion, having regard to any depreciation to which, in his opinion, that property would have been subject had it remained in the hands of the deceased until his death or where the property so comprised was money, the actual amount of that money.

(c) Section 102 (2) (d)-

After "property", insert ", other than property referred to in section 100 (2) (da),".

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(d) Section 102 (2) (d)—

After "died.", insert :---

The property comprised in any such gift made by the deceased (whether on, before or after the date of assent to the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1976) shall be deemed to include the proceeds of the sale or conversion of the property originally comprised in the gift and all investments for the time being representing the property so comprised and all property which has in any manner been substituted for the property so comprised.

Where the property originally comprised in the gift cannot, in the opinion of the Commissioner, be identified in the proceeds of the sale or conversion of that property or in investments representing it or any substituted property at the death of the deceased, the property to be deemed to be included shall be the value of that property at the time the gift was made or such lesser value as is determined by the Commissioner, in his absolute discretion, having regard to any depreciation to which, in his opinion, that property would have been subject had it remained in the hands of the deceased until his death or where the property so comprised was money, the actual amount of that money.

Where the deceased retains possession or enjoyment of part only of the property, being land, or of part only of the property, being land, which by virtue of this subparagraph is deemed

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to be included in the property comprised in the gift, or does not retain the whole of the benefit of any such property, the property to be included in the estate of the deceased shall be such portion of the value of that property as the Commissioner, in his absolute discretion, may determine.

Where the property comprised in the gift was in a disposition of property made by a controlled company and the deceased is by section 100 (15) or (16) deemed to be the person or one of the persons by whom that disposition was made, possession and enjoyment of the property shall be deemed not to have been retained to the exclusion of the deceased or of any benefit to him if at any time during the period of three years before his death he was an associate of that controlled company.

(e) Section 102 (2) (da)—

After section 102 (2) (d), insert :--

(da) Any property, being property referred to in section 100 (13) (a), comprised in any gift made pursuant to a disposition of property referred to in paragraph (e) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in section 100 (1) (whether or not pursuant to a disposition of property referred to in any other paragraph of that definition) by the deceased at any time except to the extent that the deceased had, during the period of three years ending with his death, no right or no

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> means, except as a bona fide purchaser for value, of obtaining the right to increase, decrease or transfer the benefit of the increase referred to in paragraph (e) (ii) of that definition.

10 (3) Section 103A (3)—

After section 103A (2), insert :--

(3) Where—

(a) death duty has been paid under this Act on property referred to in section 100 (13)
(a), (15), (16) or (19) and included in the dutiable estate of a deceased person (not being property in any other disposition of property included in his dutiable estate); and

(b) the Commissioner is satisfied death duty has been lawfully paid under the law of another state, territory or country (not being a law of the Parliament of the Commonwealth) on that property,

the Commissioner may, in his absolute discretion, refund such part of the death duty paid under this Act as he, in his absolute discretion, thinks fit.

(4) Section 120 (8)-

After section 120 (7), insert :---

(8) A reference in this section to property included in the dutiable estate of a deceased person does not include a reference to—

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- (b) property in a disposition of property that is a disposition of property by reason only of paragraph (e) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in section 100 (1); or
- (c) property in a disposition of property deemed by section 100 (15), (16) or (19) to have been made by any person or persons.

# 15 (5) Section 120A-

#### After section 120, insert :---

120A. (1) Where a person dies and that person Certain has at any time made a disposition of property referred gifts to be to in section 120 (8) (a), (b) or (c), which is Commisincluded in the dutiable estate of the deceased, the sioner. person to whom the disposition is made or the property therein passes shall, within three months after the date of death of the deceased, notify the Commissioner in a form approved by the Commissioner of particulars of the disposition, unless the Commissioner has previously been notified of particulars of the disposition.

(2) A person who wilfully fails to comply with the provisions of subsection (1) shall be liable to a fine not exceeding an amount equal to double the death duty payable in respect of the property in the disposition referred to in that subsection.

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<sup>(</sup>a) property in a disposition of property that is a disposition by reason only of section 100 (7) or (8);

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#### (3) Where—

(a) a disposition of property is made by a controlled company and under section 100 (15) or (16) a person is deemed to have made a disposition of that property;

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- (b) that person dies; and
- (c) the property in the disposition deemed to have been made by him is included in his dutiable estate,

the death duty payable in respect of the property referred to in paragraph (c)—

- (d) shall constitute as from that person's death a floating charge, in priority to all other charges, on the New South Wales assets owned by that controlled company at that person's death or acquired at any time thereafter and a charge on any such assets that have been distributed, but no such charge shall affect the title of a bona fide purchaser for value (whether before or after the death of the deceased) without notice; and
- (e) to the extent that it has not been paid, shall be a debt payable to Her Majesty by the controlled company and by each person, except the deceased, by whom the disposition is deemed by section 100 (15) or (16) to have been made, and shall be recoverable in any court of competent jurisdiction.

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(4) Where property in a disposition of property referred to in paragraph (e) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in section 100 (1) or referred to in section 100 (7), (8) or (19) is included in the dutiable estate of a deceased person and the death duty payable in respect of the property has not been paid within six months after the death of the deceased, the death duty on that property, to the extent that it has not been paid, shall, together with interest thereon at the rate of eight per centum per annum from the date of the expiration of the period of six months after the death of the deceased or, if administration has been first granted out of New South Wales, from the date of the expiration of the period of twelve months after the death of the deceased, be a debt payable to Her Majesty by the person by whom the disposition was made and shall be recoverable in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(6) Section 137-

Omit the section, insert instead :---

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137. (1) Every contract, agreement or arrange- Provision ment made or entered into orally or in writing whether to prevent evasion or on, before or after the date of assent to the Stamp avoidance Duties (Amendment) Act, 1976, so far as it has or of duty. purports to have the purpose of effect of in any way directly or indirectly-

- (a) relieving any person from liability to pay any death duty or file any statement;
- (b) defeating, evading or avoiding any death duty or liability imposed on any person by this Act:

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- (c) affecting the value of any property which forms or is deemed to form part of the dutiable estate of any person under this Act; or
- (d) preventing the operation of Part IV or V in any respect,

shall be absolutely void for the purposes of this Act or in regard to any proceedings under this Act but without prejudice to such validity as it may have in any other respect or for any other purpose.

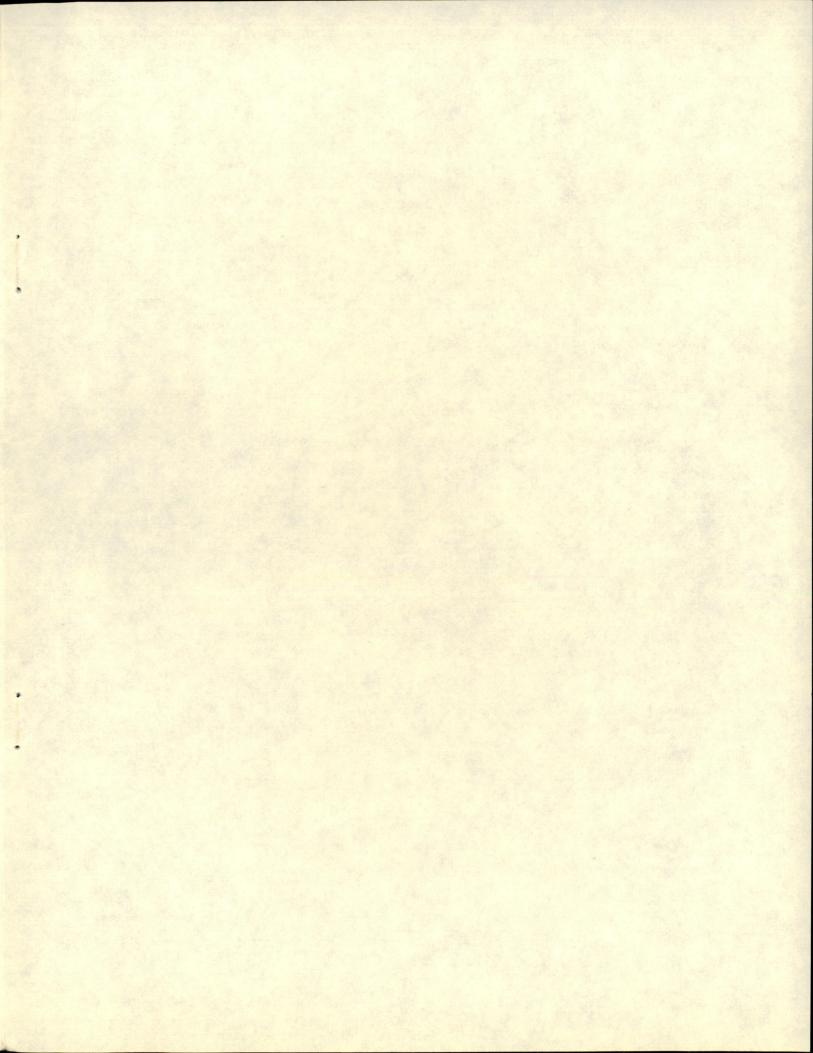
(2) Where under subsection (1) a contract, agreement or arrangement is avoided, the property the subject-matter of the contract, agreement or arrangement shall be deemed to form part of the dutiable estate of the deceased person.

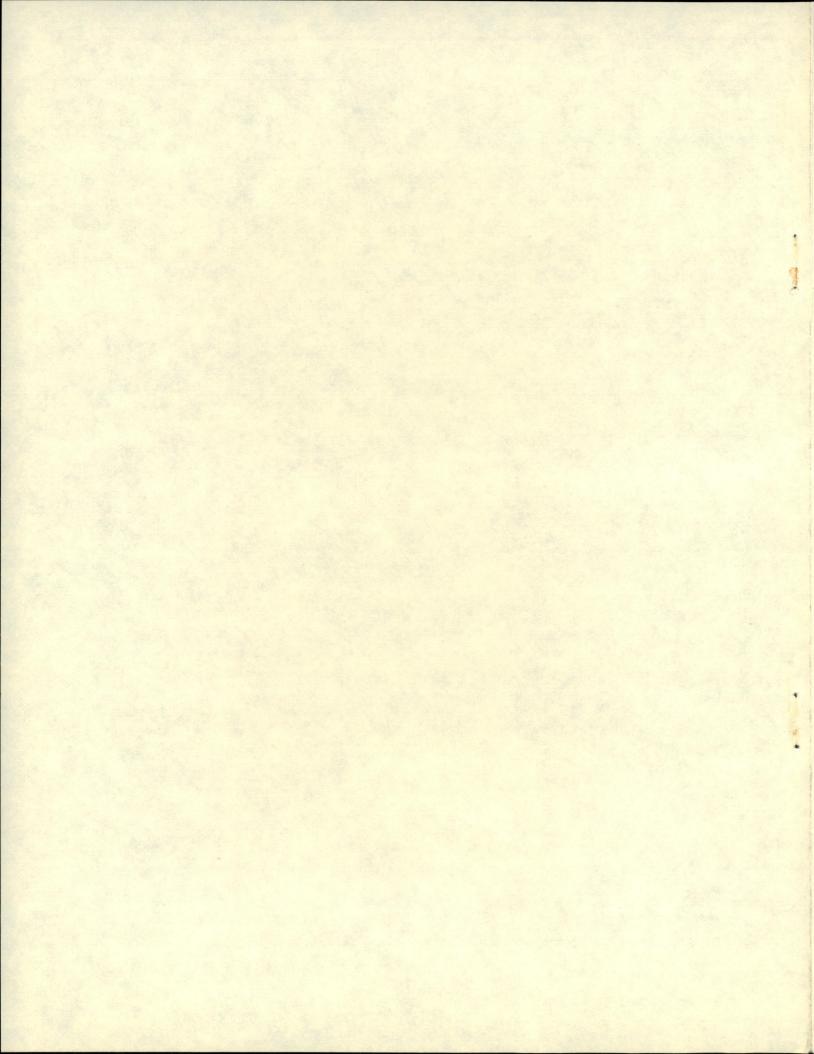
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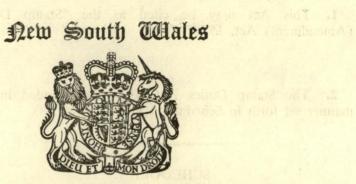


This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

> R. E. WARD, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 25 November, 1976.



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#### Act No. , 1976.

An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1920, with respect to death duties.

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**B**<sup>E</sup> 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 5 follows:--

1. This Act may be cited as the "Stamp Duties Short (Amendment) Act, 1976".

2. The Stamp Duties Act, 1920, is amended in the Amendment manner set forth in Schedules 1 and 2.

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#### SCHEDULE 1.

Sec. 2.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO DEATH DUTY EXEMPTION FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS.

(1) Section 101D (6)—

After section 101D (5), insert :--

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(6) In the case of every person who dies on or after the date of assent to the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1976, whether in New South Wales or elsewhere and who was at the date of his death domiciled in New South Wales, no death duty shall be chargeable—

(a) on any property, other than non-aggregated property, included in the dutiable estate of the deceased—

(i) being property which passes by the intestacy or under the will of the deceased to the widow or widower of the deceased; or

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> (ii) being property which, or the value of which, is included by this Act in that dutiable estate where the beneficial interest in the property on the death of the deceased is vested in or passes to the widow or widower of the deceased; or

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(b) on any non-aggregated property included in the dutiable estate of the deceased and directed by this Act to be separately assessed which passes on the death of the deceased or at any time determinable by reference to the death of the deceased to the widow or widower of the deceased.

## (2) Section 112D (9)—

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## After section 112D (8), insert :---

(9) In the case of every person who dies on or after the date of assent to the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1976, no death duty shall be payable on any non-aggregated property included in the dutiable estate of the deceased and directed by this Act to be separately assessed where the Commissioner is satisfied that any such property passing on the cesser of the limited interest to the widow or widower of the person who created the limited interest was included in the estate of the person who created the limited interest and any duty payable thereon was paid.

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Amendments to the Stamp Duties Act, 1920, Relating to the Dutiable Estates of Deceased Persons.

(1) (a) Section 100-

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Omit "and the Third Schedule hereto".

(b) Section 100, definitions of "Associate" and "Associated operations"—

After the definition of "Administrator", insert :---

"Associate", in relation to a controlled company, means—

- (a) a director or member of that company;
- (b) a person who has any voting rights at any meeting of, or in relation to, that company in relation to any disposition of property by that company, whether or not he has any such rights in relation to any other disposition of property by that company; or
  - (c) a person who, by the constitution of that company, possesses, alone or together with any other person or persons—
    - (i) a right to appoint or remove any director of that company; or
- (ii) a right to veto or vary a decision at any meeting of, or in relation to, that company,

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> and includes an associate, as hereinbefore defined, of another controlled company which is one of the five or fewer persons under whose control the firstmentioned controlled company is or to which the firstmentioned controlled company is related within the meaning of the Companies Act, 1961.

"Associated operations" means any two or more operations, being or being of a kind similar to—

> (a) operations which affect the same property, or one or more of which affects or affect some property and the other or others of which affects or affect property which represents, whether directly or indirectly, that property, or income arising from that property, or any property representing accumulations of any such income; or

(b) operations—

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(i) each of which is effected with reference to another or each of which, except one, is effected with reference to another, that one being an operation with reference to which the other operation is or the other operations are effected; or

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(ii) each of which is effected with a view to enabling another of those operations to be effected or to facilitating being its effected or each of which, except one, is effected with that view, that one being an operation with a view to effecting which or to facilitating the effecting of which the other operation is or the other operations are effected, whether those operations are effected by the same person or by different persons and whether or not they or any two or more of them are simultaneous.

(c) Section 100, definitions of "Controlled company" and "Corporation"—

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## After the definition of "Child", insert :---

"Controlled company", in relation to a disposition of property, means any corporation which, at any relevant time referred to in subsection (6) (whether that time is on, before or after the date of assent to the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1976) is under the control of not more than five persons, is not a listed corporation, is not a corporation in which the public are substantially

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> interested and is not a subsidiary of a corporation in which corporation the public are substantially interested, but does not include a corporation the members of which are precluded, by its constitution, from being paid any dividend and would, if the corporation were to be wound up, be precluded from receiving any part of the assets of the corporation.

(d) Section 100, definition of "Director"-

Before the definition of "Disposition of property", insert :—

- "Director" has the meaning ascribed to that expression in the Companies Act, 1961.
- (e) Section 100, definition of "Disposition of property"-

Omit the definition, insert instead :---

"Disposition of property" means-

(a) a conveyance, transfer, assignment, mortgage, delivery, payment or other alienation of property whether at law or in equity;

(b) the creation of any trust;

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<sup>&</sup>quot;Corporation" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 5 (1) of the Companies Act, 1961.

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a low tailed us (c) the release, discharge, surrender, 5 forfeiture or abandonment at law or in equity of any debt, contract or chose in action, or of any right, power, estate or interest in or over any property; (d) the exercise of a general power of appointment in favour of any person other than the donee of the power; (e) an agreement, obligation, engagement, arrangement, contract or transaction entered into by a person, an act done or effected or omitted to be done or effected by a person, or a forbearance by a person to exercise a right or power, as a result of which-(i) the value of the total property of that person is, whether during his lifetime or upon or in consequence of his death, directly or indirectly diminished; and (ii) the value of the total property of some other person is directly or indirectly increased,

> whether or not at the request or subject to the acquiescence or on behalf of a person;

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> (f) the distribution by a controlled company of a dividend upon shares held in that company or the payment of interest on money advanced to that company, whether or not the dividend or interest is paid to the shareholder or creditor entitled thereto, accumulated or invested on his behalf, credited in his name to a loan account or fund however designated or otherwise held or dealt with on his behalf or as he may permit or direct; or

(g) the allotment or issue of shares in or debentures of a controlled company, the grant of rights to a person in or in relation to a controlled company or the grant of an option to take up unissued shares in a controlled company or to acquire rights in or in relation to a controlled company,

whether or not effected by an instrument in writing, by a person alone or by two or more persons or by associated operations and whether effected on, before or after the date of assent to the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1976.

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(f) Section 100, definition of "Listed corporation"-

After the definition of "Gift", insert :---

"Listed corporation" means a corporation any of the shares in which are quoted on a stock exchange and any corporation which is, by virtue of section 6 (5) of the Companies Act, 1961, deemed to be related to a corporation any of the shares in which are quoted on a stock exchange and in none of the shares in which a natural person has a beneficial interest, whether or not the stock exchange is a stock exchange within the meaning of the Securities Industry Act, 1975.

(g) Section 100, definition of "Share"-

After the definition of "Settlement", insert :--

"Share", in relation to a controlled company, includes stock in that company.

(h) Section 100 (2)-(24)—

At the end of section 100, insert :--

(2) For the purposes of the definitions of "Associate" and "Controlled company" in subsection (1)—

(a) "a subsidiary of a corporation" has the same meaning as that expression has in the Companies Act, 1961;

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> (b) a corporation shall be deemed to be a corporation in which the public are substantially interested only if—

> > (i) the right to exercise more than twenty-five per centum of the voting power in respect of all of the matters that may be dealt with at a general meeting of the corporation is held on their own behalf by persons other than a controlled company or an associate of a controlled company; and

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- (ii) in the case of a corporation limited by shares or by shares and guarantee, the right to transfer those shares is not restricted and those shares are, in the opinion of the Commissioner, generally available for purchase by the public;
- (c) a corporation shall be deemed to be under the control of not more than five persons—
- (i) if any five or fewer persons together possess, or possess a right the exercise of which would directly or indirectly enable them to acquire, the majority of the voting power in relation to any matter at a

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> general meeting of the corporation, whether or not possessed in relation to any other matter that may be dealt with at such a meeting;

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(ii) if any five or fewer persons together exercise, or are able to exercise, or possess a right the exercise of which would directly or indirectly enable them to acquire a right to exercise, direct or indirect control of the affairs, or any of the affairs, of the corporation and they cannot be deprived of that control by the exercise of the voting power of any other person or persons at a general meeting of the corporation;

(iii) if, in the case of a corporation limited by shares or by shares and guarantee, any five or fewer persons together possess, or possess a right the exercise of which would directly or indirectly enable them to acquire, shares in the corporation, the paid-up amount of which is more than one-half of the paidup share capital of the corporation;

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(iv) if any five or fewer persons together possess a right, or possess a right the exercise of which would directly or indirectly enable them to acquire the right, being in either case a right which would, if the whole of the income of the corporation were in fact distributed to the members, entitle them to receive more than one-half of the amount so distributed; or

 (v) if any five or fewer persons would, if the corporation were to be wound up, be entitled to receive more than one-half of the net assets of the corporation which would be available for distribution; and

(d) in determining whether a corporation is or is not under the control of not more than five persons, a person who is related to another person and that other person, a person who is a nominee of another person and that other person and any other nominees of that other person, persons in partnership, or persons interested in any shares or obligations of the corporation which are subject to any trust or are part of the estate of a deceased person, shall be treated as one person.

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> (3) For the purposes of subsection (2) (d)—

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(a) a person shall be deemed to be related to another person if one of those persons is the lineal issue, brother, sister, lineal issue of a brother or sister, spouse, ancestor of the spouse, brother or sister of the spouse, spouse of the brother or sister of the spouse, lineal issue of the brother or sister of the spouse, spouse of the lineal issue, spouse of a brother or sister, spouse of the lineal issue of a brother or sister or spouse of the lineal issue of the brother or sister of the spouse of the other of those persons;

(b) a corporation shall be deemed to be related—

 (i) to a person, if the corporation is a controlled company and any of its associates is related, as mentioned in paragraph (a), to that person; or

(ii) to another corporation, if those corporations are controlled companies and either if any associate of one of them is related, as mentioned in paragraph (a), to any associate of the other of them or if they are related corporations within the meaning of the Companies Act, 1961; and

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> (c) if any two persons are related to another person, as mentioned in paragraph (a), those two persons shall, although they are not related to one another as so mentioned, be deemed to be related to one another.

(4) A reference in subsection (3) (a) to lineal issue includes a reference-

(a) to a step-child; and

(b) to an adopted child,

and a step-child shall, for the purposes of subsection (3) (a), be deemed to be related to any other persons in the same manner as he would be if he were the child of both his stepparent and the spouse of his step-parent.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (2) (d), a person shall be deemed to be the nominee of another person in respect of a corporation if, whether directly or indirectly, he possesses on behalf of that other person, or may be required to exercise on the direction of or on behalf of that other person, any right or power in relation to that corporation.

(6) The reference in the definition of "Controlled company" in subsection (1) to the relevant time is a reference to any time during the period ending with the death of the deceased and beginning at the date of the disposition of property or, if that disposition of property was effected by associated operations, at the date of the earliest of those operations.

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> (7) Where a debt, contract, chose in action or a right, power, estate or interest in or over property is irrecoverable or unenforceable through the lapse of time or otherwise, it shall—

> > (a) for the purposes of paragraph (c) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in subsection (1), be deemed to have been released, discharged, surrendered, forfeited, renounced, disclaimed or abandoned; and

> > (b) for the purposes of this Part and Part V, be deemed to have been released, discharged, surrendered, forfeited, renounced, disclaimed or abandoned at the time when it became so irrecoverable or unenforceable.

(8) Where, but for the fact that the transaction from which it arises or which it constitutes is void, a debt, contract, chose in action or a right, power, estate or interest in or over property would arise or be constituted and be recoverable or enforceable, the debt, contract, chose in action, right, power, estate or interest shall—

 (a) for the purposes of paragraph (c) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in subsection (1), be deemed to have been released, discharged, surrendered, forfeited, renounced, disclaimed or abandoned; and

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(b) for the purposes of this Part and Part V, be deemed to have been released, discharged, surrendered, forfeited, renounced, disclaimed or abandoned at the time when the transaction is entered into.

(9) Neither subsection (7) nor subsection (8) applies to or in respect of a debt, contract, chose in action, right, power, estate or interest in or over property if the Commissioner is satisfied that the transaction was a normal commercial transaction and that it would not be just and reasonable in the circumstances that subsection (7) or (8), as the case may be, should apply.

(10) Where, after any debt, contract, chose in action or any right, power, estate or interest in or over property is to be deemed to have been released, discharged, surrendered, forfeited, renounced, disclaimed or abandoned, as mentioned in subsection (7) or (8), so as to constitute a gift, there passes from the person to whom the disposition is made to the person by whom the disposition is made any consideration (in this subsection referred to as "return consideration") that, had the debt, contract, chose in action, right, power, estate or interest in or over property not been irrecoverable or unenforceable or not arisen from or not constituted a void transaction, would have been consideration to which that lastmentioned person was entitled on account of the debt, contract,

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> chose in action or right, power, estate or interest in or over property, then, for the purposes of this Part and Part V—

- (a) the value of the property in the gift shall be reduced by the return consideration; and
- (b) the passing of the return consideration shall be deemed not to be a disposition of property.

(11) For the purposes of paragraph (e) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in subsection (1), the passing of a resolution or the making of a decision by, within or on behalf of a controlled company shall be deemed to be a transaction entered into by the controlled company.

(12) Without affecting subsection (13) (b), for the purposes of this Part and Part V—

(a) a diminution in the value of the total property of a person, as referred to in paragraph (e) (i) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in subsection (1), shall be deemed to occur by virtue of a result referred to in paragraph (e) of that definition if the value of all of the property to which that person is beneficially entitled immediately after that result is less, by virtue of that result, than the value of all of the property to which he was beneficially entitled immediately after that result is less, by virtue of that result, than the value of all of the property to which he was beneficially entitled immediately before that result; and

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> (b) an increase in the value of the total property of a person, as referred to in paragraph (e) (ii) of that definition, shall be deemed to occur by virtue of a result referred to in paragraph (e) of that definition if the value of all of the property to which that person is beneficially entitled immediately after that result is greater, by virtue of that result, than the value of all of the property to which he was beneficially entitled immediately before that result.

whether or not the diminution and increase are simultaneous.

(13) Except where otherwise expressly provided, for the purposes of this Part and Part V—

(a) the diminution of the value of the total property of the person referred to in paragraph (e) (i) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in subsection (1) shall be deemed to be property;

(b) a disposition of property referred to in paragraph (e) of that definition shall be deemed to be made and the property therein to pass at the time the value of total property of the person referred to in paragraph (e) (ii) of that definition is increased, but if that time is at the death of the deceased or is a time related to his death shall be deemed to be made immediately before his death;

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(c) the person referred to in paragraph (e) 5 (i) of that definition shall be deemed to be the person by whom the disposition is made or from whom the property therein passes and the person referred to in paragraph (e) (ii) of 10 that definition shall be deemed to be the person to whom the disposition is made or to whom the property therein passes; (d) the value of the property in the disposi-15 tion shall be deemed to be an amount that is equivalent to the amount by which the value of the total property-(i) of the person referred to in paragraph (e) (i) of that 20 definition is diminished; or (ii) of the person referred to in paragraph (e) (ii) of that definition is increased, whichever is the greater; 25 (e) in determining whether or not an increase in the value of the total property of a person referred to in paragraph (e) (ii) of that definition has occurred and, if so, the value of 30 the increase, no allowance shall be made in respect of any contingency affecting the interest of that person; (f) in determining whether or not a diminution in the value of the total 35 property of the person referred to in

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> paragraph (e) (i) of that definition has occurred and, if so, the value of the diminution, no allowance shall be made in respect of any contingency affecting the interest of that person; and

(g) the property the subject of the disposition shall be deemed to be personal property situate in New South Wales except to the extent that, if the person referred to in paragraph (e) (i) of that definition is at his death domiciled outside New South Wales, the Commissioner, in his absolute discretion, determines that that property shall not be regarded as being personal property situate in New South Wales.

(14) Where any consideration for a disposition of property consists of a covenant, promise or option entered into or granted to a deceased person and that covenant, promise or option remained unperformed or unexercised, in whole or in part, at his death, and could only be performed or exercised during his lifetime, the disposition shall be deemed to be a gift made immediately before his death the value of which shall be deemed to be the consideration in money or money's worth paid or payable by the deceased in respect of the covenant, promise or option reduced by the value of such part, if any, of the covenant, promise or option as was performed or exercised before his death.

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(15) Where—

#### (a) a disposition of property-

- (i) not being an allotment or issue of shares, the grant of an option to take up unissued shares or the payment of interest, is made by a controlled company, either alone or together with any other person or persons without full consideration in money or money's worth; or
  - (ii) being an allotment or issue of shares or the grant of an option to take up unissued shares, is made by a controlled company; and
- (b) the passing of the resolution or the making of the decision whereby the disposition was made or the obligation to make the disposition was created—
  - (i) resulted, whether wholly or partly or directly or indirectly, from the exercise of a right or power that was possessed or that, by the constitution of the controlled company, was expressed to be possessed by a particular person; or

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> (ii) could have been prevented by the exercise of a right or power that was possessed or that, by the constitution of the controlled company, was expressed to be possessed by a particular person,

either alone or together with any other person or persons, that particular person or that particular person and that other or those other persons, as the case may be, shall, for the purposes of this Part and Part V, be deemed to have been the person or persons by whom the disposition of the property is made and the property in the disposition shall be deemed to be the property in the disposition made by the controlled company.

(16) Where a disposition of property, being the payment of interest, is made by a controlled company, either alone or together with any other person or persons, the associates of that company shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to have been the persons by whom the disposition of property is made and the property in the disposition shall be deemed to be that interest.

(17) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, a disposition of property referred to in subsection (15) (a) (i), being a distribution of dividend, or a disposition of property referred to in subsection (15) (a) (ii) or (16), any such

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  - disposition being a disposition of property deemed pursuant to subsection (15) or (16) to have been made by a person other than the controlled company, shall, for the purposes of this Part and Part V, be deemed to have been made without consideration except to the extent that—
    - (a) in case of a disposition referred to in subsection (15) (a) (i), being a distribution of dividend, or a disposition referred to in subsection (15) (a) (ii), the consideration, if any, that passed from the person to whom the disposition is made to the person or persons by whom the disposition is made or to the controlled company was, in the opinion of the Commissioner, full consideration having regard—
      - (i) to the nature and extent of the right or power that could have been exercised by the person or persons by whom the disposition is deemed to be made:
      - (ii) to any increase in the value of the total property of the person to whom the disposition is deemed to be made that resulted from the disposition;
      - (iii) to the nature and extent of the respective interests of the associates of the company; and

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> (iv) to any other circumstances that he thinks relevant; and

(b) in the case of a disposition referred to in subsection (16), the Commissioner is satisfied that the payment of the interest was made in the course of a normal commercial transaction and that it would not be just and reasonable in the circumstances that that subsection should apply.

(18) For the purposes of subsection (17), a disposition of property referred to in subsection (15) shall be deemed to have been made for full consideration—

(a) where the disposition (in the case of a distribution of dividend or an allotment or issue of shares) is made to all the shareholders of the company in proportion to their respective paid-up shareholdings (not being shareholdings entitled to a fixed rate of dividend); or

(b) to the extent that the person or persons deemed by subsection (15) to be the person or persons by whom the disposition is made disposes or dispose of the property in the disposition to himself or themselves.

(19) Where a person dies and within three years before his death, he was either an associate, referred to in paragraph (c) of the definition of

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#### Stamp Duties (Amendment).

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"Associate" in subsection (1), of a controlled company or was an associate of a controlled company by reason of his possessing, or possessing a right the exercise of which would directly or indirectly have enabled him to acquire, the majority of the voting power or control over the majority of the voting power at a meeting of, or in relation to, a controlled company in relation to any disposition of property by the company, whether or not he has that power in relation to any other disposition of property by the company (that person being referred to in this subsection as a controller of that company)—

- (a) he shall be deemed to have been, immediately before the prescribed time, possessed of an interest in the company and that interest shall be deemed to be property of which he shall be deemed to have made a disposition at the prescribed time;
- (b) the value of the property in the disposition shall be deemed to be an amount equal to the net value of the assets of the company immediately before the prescribed time less, where the company was wound up within three years before his death, any amount received by him on the winding up out of those net assets;
- (c) the property in the disposition shall be deemed to be personal property situate in New South Wales except to the

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> extent that, if that controller is at his death domiciled outside New South Wales, the Commissioner, in his absolute discretion, determines that that property shall not be regarded as personal property situate in New South Wales; and

(d) the disposition shall be deemed to have been made to the other associate or associates of the company in such proportions as the Commissioner, in his absolute discretion, may determine but having regard to the matters referred to in subsection (22).

(20) The references in subsection (19) (a) and (b) to the prescribed time in relation to a controller, referred to in subsection (19), of a controlled company is—

- (a) where the company had not been wound up before the death of the controller, a reference to the time of his death; or
- (b) where the company had been wound up within three years before the death of the controller, the time of the winding up of the company.

(21) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, a disposition of property referred to in subsection (19) shall, for the purposes of this

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> Part and Part V, be deemed to have been made without consideration except to the extent that the Commissioner, in his absolute discretion, determines that it would not be just and reasonable to regard the disposition as having been made without consideration, and in making that determination the Commissioner shall have regard to—

- (a) the extent, if any, to which the value of the rights and powers of the controller referred to in subsection (19) in the controlled company are, in the opinion of the Commissioner, reflected in the dutiable estate of the controller, other than in the property referred to in subsection (19) (a);
- (b) the nature and extent of the interest of the controller in the controlled company and of other associates of that company immediately before the prescribed time referred to in subsection (19) (a);
- (c) any increase in the value of the total property of the person to whom the disposition is made that resulted from the disposition; and
- (d) any other matters that he thinks relevant.

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> (22) The matters to which the Commissioner is required to have regard, as referred to in subsection (19) (d), are—

- (a) the nature and extent of any right or power that could have been exercised by the controller referred to in subsection (19) in relation to the controlled company;
- (b) any increase in the value of the total property of the person or persons to whom the disposition is made that resulted from the disposition;
- (c) the nature and extent of the respective interests of the associates of the company; and
- (d) any other circumstances that he thinks relevant.

(23) For the purposes of this section, except subsections (19), (20), (21) and (22)—

(a) a member of a company limited by guarantee or limited both by shares and guarantee, that member being a guarantor of that company, shall be deemed to be the holder of shares in the company as if it were a company limited only by shares, those shares having a total paid-up value equal to the amount of the guarantee and having attached to them the same rights,

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> powers and obligations as the guarantor who is deemed to be the holder of them enjoys or is subject to in relation to the company; and

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(b) any distribution of a share in the profits or income of such a company shall be deemed to be a distribution of a dividend.

(24) Except where otherwise expressly provided, where, under this Part, the dutiable estate of a deceased person would, but for this subsection, include two or more different kinds of property the disposition of which, in the opinion of the Commissioner, arose from the same or substantially similar circumstances, the dutiable estate of that deceased person shall include only property of such one of those kinds as attracts the higher or highest amount of death duty.

(2) (a) Section 102 (2) (c) (i)—

Omit ", or the proceeds of the sale thereof,".

25 (b) Section 102 (2) (c)—

After "deceased.", where lastly occurring, insert :---

The property passing under any such settlement, trust or other disposition of property made by the deceased shall be deemed to include the proceeds of the sale or conversion of the property originally comprised in the settlement,

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> trust or other disposition of property and all investments for the time being representing it and all property which has in any manner been substituted for the property so comprised.

Where the property originally comprised in the settlement, trust or other disposition of property cannot, in the opinion of the Commissioner, be identified in the proceeds of the sale or conversion of that property or in investments representing it or in any substituted property at the death of the deceased, the property to be deemed to be included shall (except where the property so comprised was in a disposition of property made for the purchase of an annuity to a person not prohibited by the Life Insurance Act 1945-1973 of the Parliament of the Commonwealth from carrying on life business within the meaning of that Act) be the value of that property at the time the settlement, trust or other disposition of property was made or such lesser value as is determined by the Commissioner in his absolute discretion, having regard to any depreciation to which, in his opinion, that property would have been subject had it remained in the hands of the deceased until his death or where the property so comprised was money, the actual amount of that money.

(c) Section 102 (2) (d)-

After "property", insert ", other than property referred to in section 100 (2) (da),".

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# (d) Section 102 (2) (d)—

#### After "died.", insert :--

The property comprised in any such gift made by the deceased (whether on, before or after the date of assent to the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1976) shall be deemed to include the proceeds of the sale or conversion of the property originally comprised in the gift and all investments for the time being representing the property so comprised and all property which has in any manner been substituted for the property so comprised.

Where the property originally comprised in the gift cannot, in the opinion of the Commissioner, be identified in the proceeds of the sale or conversion of that property or in investments representing it or any substituted property at the death of the deceased, the property to be deemed to be included shall be the value of that property at the time the gift was made or such lesser value as is determined by the Commissioner, in his absolute discretion, having regard to any depreciation to which, in his opinion, that property would have been subject had it remained in the hands of the deceased until his death or where the property so comprised was money, the actual amount of that money.

Where the deceased retains possession or enjoyment of part only of the property, being land, or of part only of the property, being land, which by virtue of this subparagraph is deemed

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to be included in the property comprised in the gift, or does not retain the whole of the benefit of any such property, the property to be included in the estate of the deceased shall be such portion of the value of that property as the Commissioner, in his absolute discretion, may determine.

Where the property comprised in the gift was in a disposition of property made by a controlled company and the deceased is by section 100 (15) or (16) deemed to be the person or one of the persons by whom that disposition was made, possession and enjoyment of the property shall be deemed not to have been retained to the exclusion of the deceased or of any benefit to him if at any time during the period of three years before his death he was an associate of that controlled company.

## (e) Section 102 (2) (da)—

After section 102 (2) (d), insert :--

(da) Any property, being property referred to in section 100 (13) (a), comprised in any gift made pursuant to a disposition of property referred to in paragraph (e) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in section 100 (1) (whether or not pursuant to a disposition of property referred to in any other paragraph of that definition) by the deceased at any time except to the extent that the deceased had, during the period of three years ending with his death, no right or no

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> means, except as a bona fide purchaser for value, of obtaining the right to increase, decrease or transfer the benefit of the increase referred to in paragraph (e) (ii) of that definition.

## 10 (3) Section 103A (3)-

After section 103A (2), insert :--

- (3) Where—
  - (a) death duty has been paid under this Act on property referred to in section 100 (13)
    (a), (15), (16) or (19) and included in the dutiable estate of a deceased person (not being property in any other disposition of property included in his dutiable estate); and
  - (b) the Commissioner is satisfied death duty has been lawfully paid under the law of another state, territory or country (not being a law of the Parliament of the Commonwealth) on that property,
- 25 the Commissioner may, in his absolute discretion, refund such part of the death duty paid under this Act as he, in his absolute discretion, thinks fit.
  - (4) Section 120 (8)-

After section 120 (7), insert :---

(8) A reference in this section to property included in the dutiable estate of a deceased person does not include a reference to—

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- (a) property in a disposition of property that is a disposition by reason only of section 100 (7) or (8);
- (b) property in a disposition of property that is a disposition of property by reason only of paragraph (e) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in section 100 (1); or
- (c) property in a disposition of property deemed by section 100 (15), (16) or (19) to have been made by any person or persons.

15 (5) Section 120A-

After section 120, insert :--

120A. (1) Where a person dies and that person Certain has at any time made a disposition of property referred gifts to be to in section 120 (8) (a), (b) or (c), which is Commisincluded in the dutiable estate of the deceased, the sioner. person to whom the disposition is made or the property therein passes shall, within three months after the date of death of the deceased, notify the Commissioner in a form approved by the Commissioner of particulars of the disposition, unless the Commissioner has previously been notified of particulars of the disposition.

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(2) A person who wilfully fails to comply with the provisions of subsection (1) shall be liable to a fine not exceeding an amount equal to double the death duty payable in respect of the property in the disposition referred to in that subsection.

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- (3) Where—
- (a) a disposition of property is made by a controlled company and under section 100 (15) or (16) a person is deemed to have made a disposition of that property;

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## (b) that person dies; and

(c) the property in the disposition deemed to have been made by him is included in his dutiable estate,

the death duty payable in respect of the property referred to in paragraph (c)—

- (d) shall constitute as from that person's death a floating charge, in priority to all other charges, on the New South Wales assets owned by that controlled company at that person's death or acquired at any time thereafter and a charge on any such assets that have been distributed, but no such charge shall affect the title of a bona fide purchaser for value (whether before or after the death of the deceased) without notice; and
- (e) to the extent that it has not been paid, shall be a debt payable to Her Majesty by the controlled company and by each person, except the deceased, by whom the disposition is deemed by section 100 (15) or (16) to have been made, and shall be recoverable in any court of competent jurisdiction.

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## AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

(4) Where property in a disposition of property referred to in paragraph (e) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in section 100 (1) or referred to in section 100 (7), (8) or (19) is included in the dutiable estate of a deceased person and the death duty payable in respect of the property has not been paid within six months after the death of the deceased, the death duty on that property, to the extent that it has not been paid, shall, together with interest thereon at the rate of eight per centum per annum from the date of the expiration of the period of six months after the death of the deceased or, if administration has been first granted out of New South Wales, from the date of the expiration of the period of twelve months after the death of the deceased, be a debt payable to Her Majesty by the person to whom the disposition was made and shall be recoverable in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(6) Section 137-

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137. (1) Every contract, agreement or arrange-Provision ment made or entered into orally or in writing whether to prevent evasion or on, before or after the date of assent to the Stamp avoidance Duties (Amendment) Act, 1976, so far as it has or of duty. purports to have the purpose or effect of in any way directly or indirectly—

- (a) relieving any person from liability to pay any death duty or file any statement;
- (b) defeating, evading or avoiding any death duty or liability imposed on any person by this Act;

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## SCHEDULE 2-continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

- (c) affecting the value of any property which forms or is deemed to form part of the dutiable estate of any person under this Act; or
- (d) preventing the operation of Part IV or V in any respect,

shall be absolutely void for the purposes of this Act or in regard to any proceedings under this Act but without prejudice to such validity as it may have in any other respect or for any other purpose.

(2) Where under subsection (1) a contract, agreement or arrangement is avoided, the property the subject-matter of the contract, agreement or arrangement shall be deemed to form part of the dutiable estate of the deceased person.

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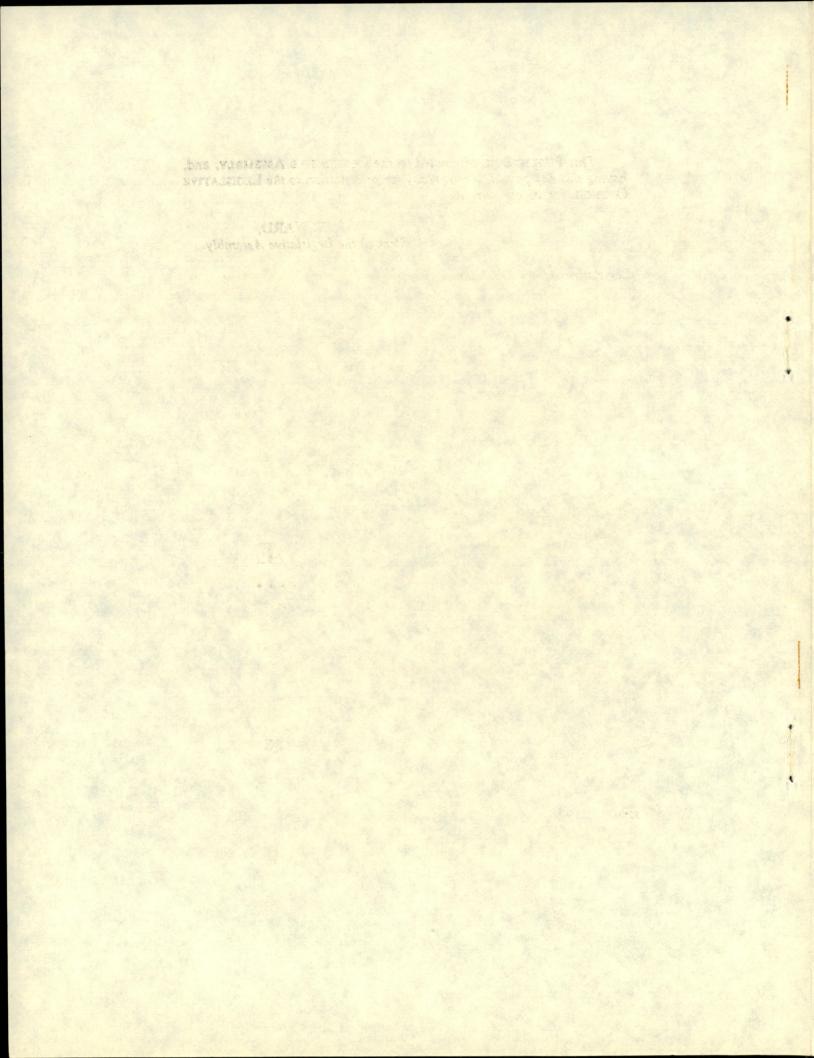
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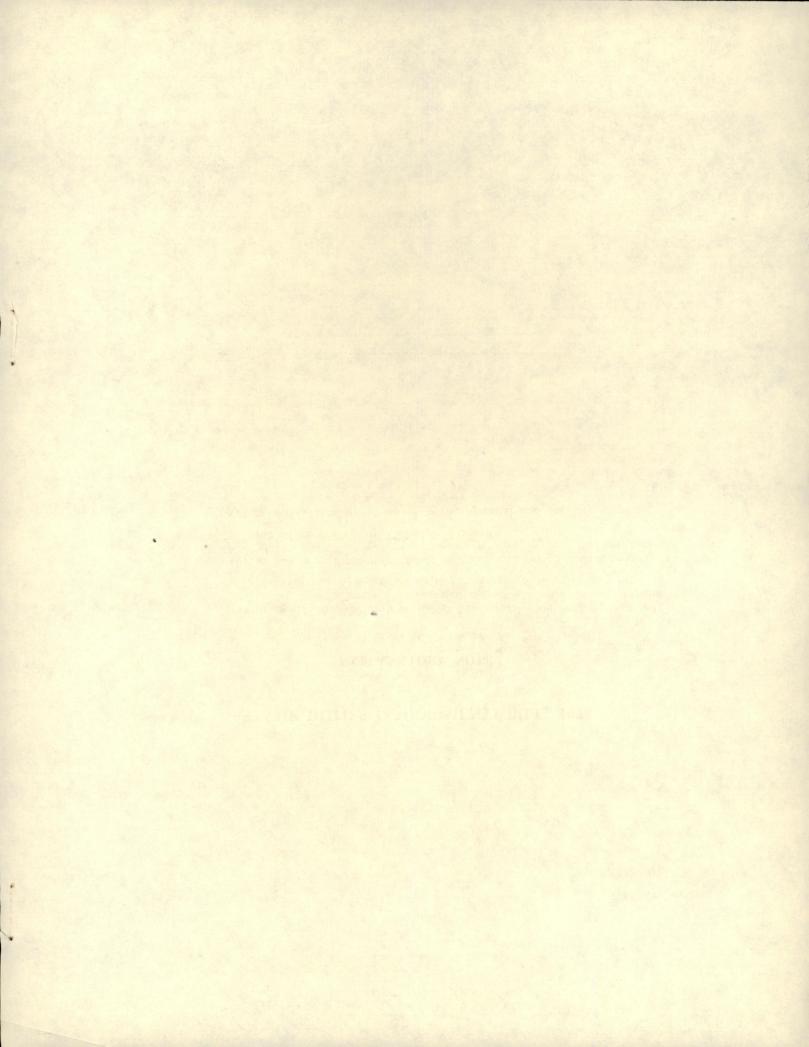
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- (a) to provide that no death duty shall be chargeable on property included in the dutiable estate of a deceased person where the spouse of that deceased person is entitled to that property (Schedule 1);
- (b) to include in the dutiable estate of a deceased person certain property which, under schemes or arrangements now in use, has not been subject to death duty (Schedule 2); and
- (c) to make other provisions of a consequential and ancillary character.

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Act No. , 1976.

# A BILL

To amend the Stamp Duties Act, 1920, with respect to death duties.

[Mr F. J. WALKER on behalf of Mr RENSHAW—16 November, 1976.]

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**B**<sup>E</sup> 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 5 follows :-

1. This Act may be cited as the "Stamp Duties Short (Amendment) Act, 1976".

2. The Stamp Duties Act, 1920, is amended in the Amendment of Act No. manner set forth in Schedules 1 and 2.

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## SCHEDULE 1.

Sec. 2.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO DEATH DUTY EXEMPTION FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS.

(1) Section 101D (6)—

After section 101D (5), insert :--

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(6) In the case of every person who dies on or after the date of assent to the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1976, whether in New South Wales or elsewhere and who was at the date of his death domiciled in New South Wales, no death duty shall be chargeable—

- (a) on any property, other than non-aggregated property, included in the dutiable estate of the deceased—
  - (i) being property which passes by the intestacy or under the will of the deceased to the widow or widower of the deceased; or

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## SCHEDULE 1—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO DEATH DUTY EXEMPTION FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS—continued.

> (ii) being property which, or the value of which, is included by this Act in that dutiable estate where the beneficial interest in the property on the death of the deceased is vested in or passes to the widow or widower of the deceased; or

(b) on any non-aggregated property included in the dutiable estate of the deceased and directed by this Act to be separately assessed which passes on the death of the deceased or at any time determinable by reference to the death of the deceased to the widow or widower of the deceased.

## (2) Section 112D (9)—

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After section 112D (8), insert :--

(9) In the case of every person who dies on or after the date of assent to the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1976, no death duty shall be payable on any non-aggregated property included in the dutiable estate of the deceased and directed by this Act to be separately assessed where the Commissioner is satisfied that any such property passing on the cesser of the limited interest to the widow or widower of the person who created the limited interest was included in the estate of the person who created the limited interest and any duty payable thereon was paid.

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## SCHEDULE 2.

Sec. 2.

Amendments to the Stamp Duties Act, 1920, Relating to the Dutiable Estates of Deceased Persons.

(1) (a) Section 100-

Omit "and the Third Schedule hereto".

(b) Section 100, definitions of "Associate" and "Associated operations"—

After the definition of "Administrator", insert :--

"Associate", in relation to a controlled company, means-

- (a) a director or member of that company;
- (b) a person who has any voting rights at any meeting of, or in relation to, that company in relation to any disposition of property by that company, whether or not he has any such rights in relation to any other disposition of property by that company; or
- (c) a person who, by the constitution of that company, possesses, alone or together with any other person or persons—
  - (i) a right to appoint or remove any director of that company; or
- (ii) a right to veto or vary a decision at any meeting of, or in relation to, that company,

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## SCHEDULE 2-continued.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

and includes an associate, as hereinbefore defined, of another controlled company which is one of the five or fewer persons under whose control the firstmentioned controlled company is or to which the firstmentioned controlled company is related within the meaning of the Companies Act, 1961. 5

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"Associated operations" means any two or more operations, being or being of a kind similar to—

> (a) operations which affect the same property, or one or more of which affects or affect some property and the other or others of which affects or affect property which represents, whether directly or indirectly, that property, or income arising from that property, or any property representing accumulations of any such income; or

## (b) operations—

 (i) each of which is effected with reference to another or each of which, except one, is effected with reference to another, that one being an operation with reference to which the other operation is or the other operations are effected; or

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AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

> (ii) each of which is effected with a view to enabling another of those operations to be effected or to facilitating its being effected or each of which, except one, is effected with that view, that one being an operation with a view to effecting which or to facilitating the effecting of which the other operation is or the other operations are effected,

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whether those operations are effected by the same person or by different persons and whether or not they or any two or more of them are simultaneous.

(c) Section 100, definitions of "Controlled company" and "Corporation"—

## After the definition of "Child", insert :---

"Controlled company", in relation to a disposition of property, means any corporation which, at any relevant time referred to in subsection (6) (whether that time is on, before or after the date of assent to the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1976) is under the control of not more than five persons, is not a listed corporation, is not a corporation in which the public are substantially

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## SCHEDULE 2—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

> interested and is not a subsidiary of a corporation in which corporation the public are substantially interested, but does not include a corporation the members of which are precluded, by its constitution, from being paid any dividend and would, if the corporation were to be wound up, be precluded from receiving any part of the assets of the corporation.

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(d) Section 100, definition of "Director"-

Before the definition of "Disposition of property", insert :—

(e) Section 100, definition of "Disposition of property"-

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Omit the definition, insert instead :--

"Disposition of property" means-

- (a) a conveyance, transfer, assignment, mortgage, delivery, payment or other alienation of property whether at law or in equity;
- (b) the creation of any trust;

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<sup>&</sup>quot;Corporation" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 5 (1) of the Companies Act, 1961.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Director" has the meaning ascribed to that expression in the Companies Act, 1961.

## SCHEDULE 2-continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONScontinued.

a lo yrobbie (c) the release, discharge, surrender, 5 forfeiture or abandonment at law or in equity of any debt, contract or chose in action, or of any right, power, estate or interest in or 10 over any property; (d) the exercise of a general power of appointment in favour of any person other than the donee of the power; 15 (e) an agreement, obligation, engagement, arrangement, contract or transaction entered into by a person, an act done or effected or omitted to be done or effected by a person, or a forbearance by 20 a person to exercise a right or power, as a result of which-(i) the value of the total property of that person is, 25 whether during his lifetime or upon or in consequence of his death, directly or indirectly diminished; and (ii) the value of the total 30 property of some other person is directly or indirectly increased, whether or not at the request or 35 subject to the acquiescence or on behalf of a person;

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## SCHEDULE 2-continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

> (f) the distribution by a controlled company of a dividend upon shares held in that company or the payment of interest on money advanced to that company, whether or not the dividend or interest is paid to the shareholder or creditor entitled thereto, accumulated or invested on his behalf, credited in his name to a loan account or fund however designated or otherwise held or dealt with on his behalf or as he may permit or direct; or

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(g) the allotment or issue of shares in or debentures of a controlled company, the grant of rights to a person in or in relation to a controlled company or the grant of an option to take up unissued shares in a controlled company or to acquire rights in or in relation to a controlled company,

whether or not effected by an instrument in writing, by a person alone or by two or more persons or by associated operations and whether effected on, before or after the date of assent to the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1976.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

(f) Section 100, definition of "Listed corporation"— After the definition of "Gift", insert :—

> "Listed corporation" means a corporation any of the shares in which are quoted on a stock exchange and any corporation which is, by virtue of section 6 (5) of the Companies Act, 1961, deemed to be related to a corporation any of the shares in which are quoted on a stock exchange and in none of the shares in which a natural person has a beneficial interest, whether or not the stock exchange is a stock exchange within the meaning of the Securities Industry Act, 1975.

(g) Section 100, definition of "Share"-

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After the definition of "Settlement", insert :--

"Share", in relation to a controlled company, includes stock in that company.

(h) Section 100 (2)-(24)—

At the end of section 100, insert :---

(2) For the purposes of the definitions of "Associate" and "Controlled company" in subsection (1)—

 (a) "a subsidiary of a corporation" has the same meaning as that expression has in the Companies Act, 1961;

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#### SCHEDULE 2-continued.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

(b) a corporation shall be deemed to be a corporation in which the public are substantially interested only if—

- (i) the right to exercise more than twenty-five per centum of the voting power in respect of all of the matters that may be dealt with at a general meeting of the corporation is held on their own behalf by persons other than a controlled company or an associate of a controlled company; and
- (ii) in the case of a corporation limited by shares or by shares and guarantee, the right to transfer those shares is not restricted and those shares are, in the opinion of the Commissioner, generally available for purchase by the public;
- (c) a corporation shall be deemed to be under the control of not more than five persons—
  - (i) if any five or fewer persons together possess, or possess a right the exercise of which would directly or indirectly enable them to acquire, the majority of the voting power in relation to any matter at a

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general meeting of the corporation, whether or not possessed in relation to any other matter that may be dealt with at such a meeting;

(ii) if any five or fewer persons together exercise, or are able to exercise, or possess a right the exercise of which 'would directly or indirectly enable them to acquire a right to exercise, direct or indirect control of the affairs, or any of the affairs, of the corporation and they cannot be deprived of that control by the exercise of the voting power of any other person or persons at a general meeting of the corporation;

(iii) if, in the case of a corporation limited by shares or by shares and guarantee, any five or fewer persons together possess, or possess a right the exercise of which would directly or indirectly enable them to acquire, shares in the corporation, the paid-up amount of which is more than one-half of the paidup share capital of the corporation;

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## AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

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(iv) if any five or fewer persons together possess a right, or possess a right the exercise of which would directly or indirectly enable them to acquire the right, being in either case a right which would, if the whole of the income of the corporation were in fact distributed to the members, entitle them to receive more than one-half of the amount so distributed; or

 (v) if any five or fewer persons would, if the corporation were to be wound up, be entitled to receive more than one-half of the net assets of the corporation which would be available for distribution; and

 (d) in determining whether a corporation is or is not under the control of not more than five persons, a person who is related to another person and that other person, a person who is a nominee of another person and that other person and any other nominees of that other person, persons in partnership, or persons interested in any shares or obligations of the corporation which are subject to any trust or are part of the estate of a deceased person, shall be treated as one person.

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## SCHEDULE 2-continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2)
 (d)—

(a) a person shall be deemed to be related to another person if one of those persons is the lineal issue, brother, sister, lineal issue of a brother or sister, spouse, ancestor of the spouse, brother or sister of the spouse, spouse of the brother or sister of the spouse, lineal issue of the brother or sister of the spouse, spouse of the lineal issue, spouse of a brother or sister, spouse of the lineal issue of a brother or sister or spouse of the lineal issue of the brother or sister of the spouse of the other of those persons;

- (b) a corporation shall be deemed to be related—
  - (i) to a person, if the corporation is a controlled company and any of its associates is related, as mentioned in paragraph (a), to that person; or
  - (ii) to another corporation, if those corporations are controlled companies and either if any associate of one of them is related, as mentioned in paragraph (a), to any associate of the other of them or if they are related corporations within the meaning of the Companies Act, 1961; and

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> (c) if any two persons are related to another person, as mentioned in paragraph (a), those two persons shall, although they are not related to one another as so mentioned, be deemed to be related to one another.

(4) A reference in subsection (3) (a) to lineal issue includes a reference—

(a) to a step-child; and

(b) to an adopted child,

and a step-child shall, for the purposes of subsection (3) (a), be deemed to be related to any other persons in the same manner as he would be if he were the child of both his stepparent and the spouse of his step-parent.

(5) For the purposes of subsection (2) (d), a person shall be deemed to be the nominee of another person in respect of a corporation if, whether directly or indirectly, he possesses on behalf of that other person, or may be required to exercise on the direction of or on behalf of that other person, any right or power in relation to that corporation.

(6) The reference in the definition of "Controlled company" in subsection (1) to the relevant time is a reference to any time during the period ending with the death of the deceased and beginning at the date of the disposition of property or, if that disposition of property was effected by associated operations, at the date of the earliest of those operations.

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## SCHEDULE 2-continued.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

(7) Where a debt, contract, chose in action or a right, power, estate or interest in or over property is irrecoverable or unenforceable through the lapse of time or otherwise, it shall—

 (a) for the purposes of paragraph (c) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in subsection (1), be deemed to have been released, discharged, surrendered, forfeited, renounced, disclaimed or abandoned; and

> (b) for the purposes of this Part and Part V, be deemed to have been released, discharged, surrendered, forfeited, renounced, disclaimed or abandoned at the time when it became so irrecoverable or unenforceable.

(8) Where, but for the fact that the transaction from which it arises or which it constitutes is void, a debt, contract, chose in action or a right, power, estate or interest in or over property would arise or be constituted and be recoverable or enforceable, the debt, contract, chose in action, right, power, estate or interest shall—

 (a) for the purposes of paragraph (c) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in subsection (1), be deemed to have been released, discharged, surrendered, forfeited, renounced, disclaimed or abandoned; and

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AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

> (b) for the purposes of this Part and Part V, be deemed to have been released, discharged, surrendered, forfeited, renounced, disclaimed or abandoned at the time when the transaction is entered into.

(9) Neither subsection (7) nor subsection (8) applies to or in respect of a debt, contract, chose in action, right, power, estate or interest in or over property if the Commissioner is satisfied that the transaction was a normal commercial transaction and that it would not be just and reasonable in the circumstances that subsection (7) or (8), as the case may be, should apply.

(10) Where, after any debt, contract, chose in action or any right, power, estate or interest in or over property is to be deemed to have been released, discharged, surrendered, forfeited, renounced, disclaimed or abandoned, as mentioned in subsection (7) or (8), so as to constitute a gift, there passes from the person to whom the disposition is made to the person by whom the disposition is made any consideration (in this subsection referred to as "return consideration") that, had the debt, contract, chose in action, right, power, estate or interest in or over property not been irrecoverable or unenforceable or not arisen from or not constituted a void transaction, would have been consideration to which that lastmentioned person was entitled on account of the debt, contract,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

> chose in action or right, power, estate or interest in or over property, then, for the purposes of this Part and Part V—

- (a) the value of the property in the gift shall be reduced by the return consideration; and
- (b) the passing of the return consideration shall be deemed not to be a disposition of property.

(11) For the purposes of paragraph (e) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in subsection (1), the passing of a resolution or the making of a decision by, within or on behalf of a controlled company shall be deemed to be a transaction entered into by the controlled company.

(12) Without affecting subsection (13) (b), for the purposes of this Part and Part V—

(a) a diminution in the value of the total property of a person, as referred to in paragraph (e) (i) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in subsection (1), shall be deemed to occur by virtue of a result referred to in paragraph (e) of that definition if the value of all of the property to which that person is beneficially entitled immediately after that result is less, by virtue of that result, than the value of all of the property to which he was beneficially entitled immediately after that result is less, by virtue of that result, than the value of all of the property to which he was beneficially entitled immediately before that result; and

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AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

> (b) an increase in the value of the total property of a person, as referred to in paragraph (e) (ii) of that definition, shall be deemed to occur by virtue of a result referred to in paragraph (e) of that definition if the value of all of the property to which that person is beneficially entitled immediately after that result is greater, by virtue of that result, than the value of all of the property to which he was beneficially entitled immediately before that result,

whether or not the diminution and increase are simultaneous.

(13) Except where otherwise expressly provided, for the purposes of this Part and Part V—

(a) the diminution of the value of the total property of the person referred to in paragraph (e) (i) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in subsection (1) shall be deemed to be property;

(b) a disposition of property referred to in paragraph (e) of that definition shall be deemed to be made and the property therein to pass at the time the value of total property of the person referred to in paragraph (e) (ii) of that definition is increased, but if that time is at the death of the deceased or is a time related to his death shall be deemed to be made immediately before his death;

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AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

5 (c) the person referred to in paragraph (e) (i) of that definition shall be deemed to be the person by whom the disposition is made or from whom the property therein passes and the person 10 referred to in paragraph (e) (ii) of that definition shall be deemed to be the person to whom the disposition is made or to whom the property therein passes; 15 (d) the value of the property in the disposition shall be deemed to be an amount that is equivalent to the amount by which the value of the total property-(i) of the person referred to in para-20 graph (e) (i) of that definition is diminished: or (ii) of the person referred to in paragraph (e) (ii) of that definition is increased, whichever is the greater; 25 (e) in determining whether or not an increase in the value of the total property of a person referred to in paragraph (e) (ii) of that definition has occurred and, if so, the value of 30 the increase, no allowance shall be made in respect of any contingency affecting the interest of that person; (f) in determining whether or not a diminution in the value of the total 35 property of the person referred to in

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## SCHEDULE 2-continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

> paragraph (e) (i) of that definition has occurred and, if so, the value of the diminution, no allowance shall be made in respect of any contingency affecting the interest of that person; and

(g) the property the subject of the disposition shall be deemed to be personal property situate in New South Wales except to the extent that, if the person referred to in paragraph (e) (i) of that definition is at his death domiciled outside New South Wales, the Commissioner, in his absolute discretion, determines that that property shall not be regarded as being personal property situate in New South Wales.

(14) Where any consideration for a disposition of property consists of a covenant, promise or option entered into or granted to a deceased person and that covenant, promise or option remained unperformed or unexercised, in whole or in part, at his death, and could only be performed or exercised during his lifetime, the disposition shall be deemed to be a gift made immediately before his death the value of which shall be deemed to be the consideration in money or money's worth paid or payable by the deceased in respect of the covenant, promise or option reduced by the value of such part, if any, of the covenant, promise or option as was performed or exercised before his death.

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## SCHEDULE 2—continued.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS continued.

(15) Where—

(a) a disposition of property-

- (i) not being an allotment or issue of shares, the grant of an option to take up unissued shares or the payment of interest, is made by a controlled company, either alone or together with any other person or persons without full consideration in money or money's worth; or
- (ii) being an allotment or issue of shares or the grant of an option to take up unissued shares, is made by a controlled company; and
- (b) the passing of the resolution or the making of the decision whereby the disposition was made or the obligation to make the disposition was created—
  - (i) resulted, whether wholly or partly or directly or indirectly, from the exercise of a right or power that was possessed or that, by the constitution of the controlled company, was expressed to be possessed by a particular person; or

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> (ii) could have been prevented by the exercise of a right or power that was possessed or that, by the constitution of the controlled company, was expressed to be possessed by a particular person,

either alone or together with any other person or persons, that particular person or that particular person and that other or those other persons, as the case may be, shall for the purposes of this Part and Part V, be deemed to have been the person or persons by whom the disposition of the property is made and the property in the disposition shall be deemed to be the property in the disposition made by the controlled company.

(16) Where a disposition of property, being the payment of interest, is made by a controlled company, either alone or together with any other person or persons, the associates of that company shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to have been the persons by whom the disposition of property is made and the property in the disposition shall be deemed to be that interest.

(17) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, a disposition of property referred to in subsection (15) (a) (i), being a distribution of dividend, or a disposition of property referred to in subsection (15) (a) (ii) or (16), any such

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disposition being a disposition of property deemed pursuant to subsection (15) or (16) to have been made by a person other than the controlled company, shall, for the purposes of this Part and Part V, be deemed to have been made without consideration except to the extent that—

- (a) in case of a disposition referred to in subsection (15) (a) (i), being a distribution of dividend, or a disposition referred to in subsection (15) (a) (ii), the consideration, if any, that passed from the person to whom the disposition is made to the person or persons by whom the disposition is made or to the controlled company was, in the opinion of the Commissioner, full consideration having regard—
  - (i) to the nature and extent of the right or power that could have been exercised by the person or persons by whom the disposition is deemed to be made;
  - (ii) to any increase in the value of the total property of the person to whom the disposition is deemed to be made that resulted from the disposition;
  - (iii) to the nature and extent of the respective interests of the associates of the company; and

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## (iv) to any other circumstances that he thinks relevant; and

(b) in the case of a disposition referred to in subsection (16), Commissioner is satisfied that the payment of the interest was made in the course of a normal commercial transaction and that it would not be just and reasonable in the circumstances that that subsection should apply.

(18) For the purposes of subsection (17), a disposition of property referred to in subsection (15) shall be deemed to have been made for full consideration—

(a) where the disposition (in the case of a distribution of dividend or an allotment or issue of shares) is made to all the shareholders of the company in proportion to their respective paid-up shareholdings (not being shareholdings entitled to a fixed rate of dividend); or

(b) to the extent that the person or persons deemed by subsection (15) to be the person or persons by whom the disposition is made disposes or dispose of the property in the disposition to himself or themselves.

(19) Where a person dies and within three years before his death, he was either an associate, referred to in paragraph (c) of the definition of

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"Associate" in subsection (1), of a controlled company or was an associate of a controlled company by reason of his possessing, or possessing a right the exercise of which would directly or indirectly have enabled him to acquire, the majority of the voting power or control over the majority of the voting power at a meeting of, or in relation to, a controlled company in relation to any disposition of property by the company, whether or not he has that power in relation to any other disposition of property by the company (that person being referred to in this subsection as a controller of that company)—

- (a) he shall be deemed to have been, immediately before the prescribed time, possessed of an interest in the company and that interest shall be deemed to be property of which he shall be deemed to have made a disposition at the prescribed time;
- (b) the value of the property in the disposition shall be deemed to be an amount equal to the net value of the assets of the company immediately before the prescribed time less, where the company was wound up within three years before his death, any amount received by him on the winding up out of those net assets;
- (c) the property in the disposition shall be deemed to be personal property situate in New South Wales except to the

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extent that, if that controller is at his death domiciled outside New South Wales, the Commissioner, in his absolute discretion, determines that that property shall not be regarded as personal property situate in New South Wales; and
(d) the disposition shall be deemed to have been made to the other associate or associates of the company in such proportions as the Commissioner, in his absolute discretion, may determine but having regard to the matters referred

(20) The references in subsection (19) (a) and (b) to the prescribed time in relation to a controller, referred to in subsection (19), of a controlled company is—

to in subsection (22).

- (a) where the company had not been wound up before the death of the controller, a reference to the time of his death; or
- (b) where the company had been wound up within three years before the death of the controller, the time of the winding up of the company.

(21) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, a disposition of property referred to in subsection (19) shall, for the purposes of this

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Part and Part V, be deemed to have been made without consideration except to the extent that the Commissioner, in his absolute discretion, determines that it would not be just and reasonable to regard the disposition as having been made without consideration, and in making that determination the Commissioner shall have regard to—

- (a) the extent, if any, to which the value of the rights and powers of the controller referred to in subsection (19) in the controlled company are, in the opinion of the Commissioner, reflected in the dutiable estate of the controller, other than in the property referred to in subsection (19) (a);
- (b) the nature and extent of the interest of the controller in the controlled company and of other associates of that company immediately before the prescribed time referred to in subsection (19) (a);
- (c) any increase in the value of the total property of the person to whom the disposition is made that resulted from the disposition; and
- (d) any other matters that he thinks relevant.

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- (22) The matters to which the Commissioner is required to have regard, as referred to in subsection (19) (d), are—
  - (a) the nature and extent of any right or power that could have been exercised by the controller referred to in subsection (19) in relation to the controlled company;
  - (b) any increase in the value of the total property of the person or persons to whom the disposition is made that resulted from the disposition;
  - (c) the nature and extent of the respective interests of the associates of the company; and
  - (d) any other circumstances that he thinks relevant.

(23) For the purposes of this section, except subsections (19), (20), (21) and (22)—

(a) a member of a company limited by guarantee or limited both by shares and guarantee, that member being a guarantor of that company, shall be deemed to be the holder of shares in the company as if it were a company limited only by shares, those shares having a total paid-up value equal to the amount of the guarantee and having attached to them the same rights,

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> powers and obligations as the guarantor who is deemed to be the holder of them enjoys or is subject to in relation to the company; and

(b) any distribution of a share in the profits or income of such a company shall be deemed to be a distribution of a dividend.

(24) Except where otherwise expressly provided, where, under this Part, the dutiable estate of a deceased person would, but for this subsection, include two or more different kinds of property the disposition of which, in the opinion of the Commissioner, arose from the same or substantially similar circumstances, the dutiable estate of that deceased person shall include only property of such one of those kinds as attracts the higher or highest amount of death duty.

(2) (a) Section 102 (2) (c) (i)—

Omit ", or the proceeds of the sale thereof,".

25 (b) Section 102 (2) (c)—

After "deceased.", where lastly occurring, insert :---

The property passing under any such settlement, trust or other disposition of property made by the deceased shall be deemed to include the proceeds of the sale or conversion of the property originally comprised in the settlement.

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trust or other disposition of property and all investments for the time being representing it and all property which has in any manner been substituted for the property so comprised.

Where the property originally comprised in the settlement, trust or other disposition of property cannot, in the opinion of the Commissioner, be identified in the proceeds of the sale or conversion of that property or in investments representing it or in any substituted property at the death of the deceased, the property to be deemed to be included shall (except where the property so comprised was in a disposition of property made for the purchase of an annuity to a person authorised to carry on insurance business under, or a person not prohibited from carrying on insurance business by, the Insurance Acts 1973 of the Parliament of the Commonwealth) be the value of that property at the time the settlement, trust or other disposition of property was made or such lesser value as is determined by the Commissioner in his absolute discretion, having regard to any depreciation to which, in his opinion, that property would have been subject had it remained in the hands of the deceased until his death or where the property so comprised was money, the actual amount of that money.

(c) Section 102 (2) (d)-

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After "property", insert ", other than property referred to in section 100 (2) (da),".

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(d) Section 102 (2) (d)—

#### After "died.", insert :---

The property comprised in any such gift made by the deceased (whether on, before or after the date of assent to the Stamp Duties (Amendment) Act, 1976) shall be deemed to include the proceeds of the sale or conversion of the property originally comprised in the gift and all investments for the time being representing the property so comprised and all property which has in any manner been substituted for the property so comprised.

Where the property originally comprised in the gift cannot, in the opinion of the Commissioner, be identified in the proceeds of the sale or conversion of that property or in investments representing it or any substituted property at the death of the deceased, the property to be deemed to be included shall be the value of that property at the time the gift was made or such lesser value as is determined by the Commissioner in his absolute discretion, having regard to any depreciation to which, in his opinion, that property would have been subject had it remained in the hands of the deceased until his death or where the property so comprised was money, the actual amount of that money.

Where the deceased retains possession or enjoyment of part only of the property, being land, or of part only of the property, being land which by virtue of this subparagraph is deemed

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to be included in the property comprised in the gift, or does not retain the whole of the benefit of any such property, the property to be included in the estate of the deceased shall be such portion of the value of that property as the Commissioner, in his absolute discretion, may determine.

Where the property comprised in the gift was in a disposition of property made by a controlled company and the deceased is by section 100 (15), (16) or (19) deemed to be the person or one of the persons by whom that disposition was made, possession and enjoyment of the property shall be deemed not to have been retained to the exclusion of the deceased or of any benefit to him if at any time during the period of three years before his death he was an associate of that controlled company.

(e) Section 102 (2) (da)—

After section 102 (2) (d), insert :--

(da) Any property, being property referred to in section 100 (13) (a), comprised in any gift made pursuant to a disposition of property referred to in paragraph (e) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in section 100 (1) (whether or not pursuant to a disposition of property referred to in any other paragraph of that definition) by the deceased at any time except to the extent that the deceased had, during the period of three years ending with his death, no right or no

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> means, except as a bona fide purchaser for value, of obtaining the right to increase, decrease or transfer the benefit of the increase referred to in paragraph (e) (ii) of that definition.

10 (3) Section 103A (3)-

After section 103A (2), insert :--

(3) Where—

- (a) death duty has been paid under this Act on property referred to in section 100 (13)
  (a), (15), (16) or (19) and included in the dutiable estate of a deceased person (not being property in any other disposition of property included in his dutiable estate); and
- (b) the Commissioner is satisfied death duty has been lawfully paid under the law of another state, territory or country (not being a law of the Parliament of the Commonwealth) on that property,
- 25 the Commissioner may, in his absolute discretion, refund such part of the death duty paid under this Act as he, in his absolute discretion, thinks fit.

(4) Section 120 (8)-

After section 120 (7), insert :--

(8) A reference in this section to property included in the dutiable estate of a deceased person does not include a reference to—

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- (a) property in a disposition of property that is a disposition by reason only of section 100 (7) or (8);
- (b) property in a disposition of property that is a disposition of property by reason only of paragraph (e) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in section 100 (1); or
- (c) property in a disposition of property deemed by section 100 (15), (16) or (19) to have been made by any person or persons.

# 15 (5) Section 120A-

After section 120, insert :---

120A. (1) Where a person dies and that person Certain has at any time made a disposition of property referred gifts to be notified to to in section 120 (8) (a), (b) or (c), which is Commissione included in the dutiable estate of the deceased, the person to whom the disposition is made or the property therein passes shall, within three months after the date of death of the deceased, notify the Commissioner in a form approved by the Commissioner of particulars of the disposition, unless the Commissioner has previously been notified of particulars of the disposition.

(2) A person who wilfully fails to comply with the provisions of subsection (1) shall be liable to a fine not exceeding an amount equal to double the death duty payable in respect of the property in the disposition referred to in that subsection.

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- (3) Where—
- (a) a disposition of property is made by a controlled company and under section 100 (15) or (16) a person is deemed to have made a disposition of that property;

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- (b) that person dies; and
- (c) the property in the disposition deemed to have been made by him is included in his dutiable estate,

the death duty payable in respect of the property referred to in paragraph (c)—

- (d) shall constitute as from that person's death a floating charge, in priority to all other charges, on the New South Wales assets owned by that controlled company at that person's death or acquired at any time thereafter and a charge on any such assets that have been distributed, but no such charge shall affect the title of a bona fide purchaser for value (whether before or after the death of the deceased) without notice; and
- (e) to the extent that it has not been paid, shall be a debt payable to Her Majesty by the controlled company and by each person, except the deceased, by whom the disposition is deemed by section 100 (15) or (16) to have been made, and shall be recoverable in any court of competent jurisdiction.

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# AMENDMENTS TO THE STAMP DUTIES ACT, 1920, RELATING TO THE DUTIABLE ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONScontinued.

(4) Where property in a disposition of property referred to in paragraph (e) of the definition of "Disposition of property" in section 100 (1) or referred to in section 100 (7), (8) or (19) is included in the dutiable estate of a deceased person and the death duty payable in respect of the property has not been paid within six months after the death of the deceased, the death duty on that property, to the extent that it has not been paid, shall, together with interest thereon at the rate of eight per centum per annum from the date of the expiration of the period of six months after the death of the deceased or, if administration has been first granted out of New South Wales, from the date of the expiration of the period of twelve months after the death of the deceased, be a debt payable to Her Majesty by the person by whom the disposition was made and shall be recoverable in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(6) Section 137-

Omit the section, insert instead :-

137. (1) Every contract, agreement or arrange- Provision ment made or entered into orally or in writing whether to prevent on, before or after the date of assent to the Stamp avoidance Duties (Amendment) Act, 1976, so far as it has or of duty. purports to have the purpose of effect of in any way directly or indirectly-

evasion or

- (a) relieving any person from liability to pay any death duty or file any statement;
- (b) defeating, evading or avoiding any death duty or liability imposed on any person by this Act;

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- (c) affecting the value of any property which forms or is deemed to form part of the dutiable estate of any person under this Act; or
- (d) preventing the operation of Part IV or V in any respect,

shall be absolutely void for the purposes of this Act or in regard to any proceedings under this Act but without prejudice to such validity as it may have in any other respect or for any other purpose.

(2) Where under subsection (1) a contract, agreement or arrangement is avoided, the property the subject-matter of the contract, agreement or arrangement shall be deemed to form part of the dutiable estate of the deceased person.

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