

**SOIL FERTILITY RESEARCH.**

3° Elizabeth II., No. LI.

No. 51 of 1954.

**AN ACT relating to Soil Fertility Research.**

[Assented to 6th December, 1954.]

**BE** it enacted, by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Soil Fertility Research Act, 1954.*

Interpre-  
tation.

2. In this Act unless the context requires otherwise—

“Fund” means the Soil Fertility Research Fund comprising—

- (a) contributions made to the Fund for the purposes of soil fertility research;
- (b) investments made by the trustees out of money in the Fund;

- (c) interest earned on investments so made;
- (d) profits made on the sale of investments so made; and
- (e) other money or property received by the trustees for the purpose of soil fertility research; and

“trustees” means the trustees mentioned in this Act as The Trustees of the Soil Fertility Research Fund.

3. The Fund is vested in, and placed under the control of, the trustees for the purposes of soil fertility research. Control of Fund.

4. The trustees are— Trustees.

- (a) the President for the time being of the Wheat Section of the Farmers' Union of Western Australia (Inc.);
- (b) the two Vice Presidents for the time being of the Wheat Section of the Farmers' Union of Western Australia (Inc.);
- (c) the Director for the time being of the Institute of Agriculture of the University of Western Australia; and
- (d) a person nominated from time to time by the Trustees for the time being of the Wheat Pool of Western Australia.

5. The trustees— Powers of Trustees.

- (a) may invest money standing to the credit of the Fund in investments in which trustees are authorised by law to invest;
- (b) may convert into money investments forming part of the Fund;
- (c) may expend for the purpose of soil fertility research money standing to the credit of the Fund;

- (d) may, for the purpose of soil fertility research, in the name of The Trustees of the Soil Fertility Research Fund—
- (i) acquire, hold and dispose of land and other property;
  - (ii) enter into contracts; and
  - (iii) sue, be sued, compromise and settle claims and actions, and enter into submissions under the Arbitration Act, 1895;
- (e) in the exercise of the powers conferred upon them by this Act, are not an agency or instrumentality of, or subject to direction by, the Crown;
- (f) are not personally liable for anything done or omitted in good faith, in the exercise or purported exercise of the powers conferred upon them by this Act;
- (g) are entitled to such remuneration, leave of absence and travelling and other allowances as are prescribed by the by-laws;
- (h) may execute and authenticate documents in the manner prescribed by the by-laws;
- (i) shall, in accordance with the by-laws, cause to be kept and audited, true and proper records of accounts relating to the Fund, and cause reports of audits to be published or available for inspection;
- (j) may, in accordance with the by-laws, appoint deputies to act for them when they are unable to act;
- (k) may convene meetings, appoint their chairman and regulate their proceedings in such manner as they think fit, or, if by-laws relating to those matters are made, in accordance with the by-laws;
- (l) shall, in accordance with the by-laws, cause to be made and kept true and proper minutes of their proceedings, and cause the minutes to be available for inspection; and
- (m) may make by-laws which appear to them to be necessary or convenient for effectually carrying out the purposes of this Act.