

DEBT CONVERSION AGREEMENT (No. 2).

22^o GEO. V., No. XLVI.

No. 46 of 1931.

AN ACT to approve a further Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia of the first part, and the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh parts respectively, relating to the Conversion of the Internal Public Debts of the Commonwealth and the States.

[Assented to 9th December, 1931.]

WHEREAS by Section one hundred and five A of the Constitution it is provided that the Commonwealth may make agreements with the States with respect to the public debts of the States, including (*inter alia*) the consolidation, renewal, conversion and redemption of those debts: And whereas it is further provided by the said section that the Parliament may make laws for the carrying out by the parties thereto of any such agreement: Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent 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:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Debt Conversion Agreement Act* (No. 2), 1931, and shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation.*

Short title and commencement.

2. This Act shall be read as supplementary to the Debt Conversion Agreement Act, 1931 (No. 6 of 1931).

This Act to be read as supplementary to No. 6 of 1931.

3. The agreement, a copy of which is set forth in the schedule to this Act, is approved.

Approval of Agreement.

THE SCHEDULE.

Agreement made the twenty-second day of October, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, between the Commonwealth of Australia (in this agreement called "the Commonwealth"), of the first part, the State of New South Wales of the second part, the State of Victoria of the third part, the State of Queensland of the fourth part, the State of South Australia of the fifth part, the State of Western Australia of the sixth part, and the State of Tasmania of the seventh part (the expression "the States" in this agreement meaning where the context so permits or requires all of the parties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh parts):

Whereas by Section 105 A of the Constitution it is provided that the Commonwealth may make agreements with the States with respect to the public debts of the States, including (*inter alia*) the consolidation, renewal, conversion, and redemption of such debts:

And whereas by an agreement made the twenty-first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, between the parties hereto, the Commonwealth was authorised to arrange and effect a conversion, on the basis of a 22½ per cent. reduction of interest, in accordance with the terms and conditions now contained in Sections 3, 8, and 10 to 22 inclusive, of the Commonwealth Debt Conversion Act, 1931 (hereinafter called "the said Act"), of all public debts of the States, the liability for which has been assumed by the Commonwealth under the Financial Agreement between the parties hereto, dated the twelfth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven, and the principal and interest of which are payable in Australia, and of all public debts of the Commonwealth (including borrowings by the Commonwealth for or on behalf of a State under the said Financial Agreement), the interest and principal of which are payable in Australia:

And whereas by the said Act provision has been made for the conversion into new securities of existing securities, comprised in the said public debts, the holders of which did not, within the time and in the manner prescribed, signify dissent from the conversion:

And whereas approximately ninety-seven per centum of existing securities have been converted under the said Act, and it is expedient that the remainder of the existing securities should be converted on the same terms and conditions:

Now this agreement witnesseth:

1. This agreement shall have full force and effect, and be binding on all the parties, when it is approved by the Parliaments of the Commonwealth and of the States.

2. In this agreement the terms "existing securities" and "new securities" have the same meaning as in the said Act.

3. Notwithstanding anything in the above-recited Debt Conversion Agreement, or in the said Act contained, every holder of existing securities which have not been converted into new securities in accordance with the provisions of the said Act shall, notwithstanding that any holder of those existing securities may have signified or may signify dissent, be deemed to have made an application in accordance with Section 9 of the said Act for their conversion into new securities, and they shall be deemed to be so converted accordingly:

