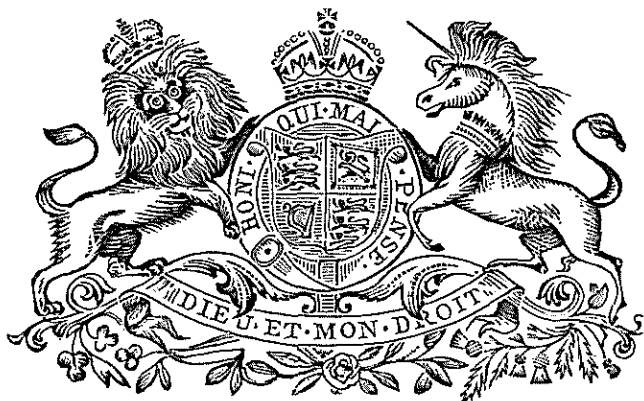


WESTERN AUSTRALIA.



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XXIII.

No. 3 of 1917.

AN ACT to further amend the Agricultural Lands Purchase Act, 1909.

[Assented to 23rd March, 1917.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and 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 *Agricultural Lands Purchase Act Amendment Act, 1917*, and shall be read as one with the Agricultural Lands Purchase Act, 1909 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) and the Land Act, 1898, and its amendments. Short title.

2. (1.) Notwithstanding the provisions of section twelve of the principal Act, if it appears to the satisfaction of the Governor that having regard to the quality and productiveness of any land acquired under the principal Act, or the distance of such land from a railway station or siding, market, or port, or other circumstances, the selling price of such land should be reduced, such price may, with the approval of the Governor, be reduced below the least aggregate price as ascertained under the said section: Power to reduce selling price.

Provided that the selling price shall not be reduced below the minimum price prescribed by section two of the Land Act Amendment Act, 1915.

(2.) This section may be applied to land thrown open for selection before the commencement of this Act and held under conditional purchase lease for a term commencing on or after the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and nine.

Provided that a lessee shall not be entitled to repayment of rent paid prior to the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, nor shall the liability of a lessee for payment to that date of the rent reserved by the lease be affected; but the amount of rent paid from the commencement of the lease in excess of the half-yearly instalments which would have been payable at the reduced rate shall be applied in reduction of the balance of the purchase price as adjusted outstanding on the first day of January, One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and such balance, reduced as aforesaid, with interest as prescribed, shall be payable by equal half-yearly instalments of rent extending over the remainder of the term of the lease.