

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ

No. 14

An Act to empower Coroners to make inquiry into the
Causes of Fires. [*Assented to 20th August, 1887.*]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia Preamble
and its Dependencies, by and with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Council thereof, as follows :—

1. That every Coroner and every person entitled to act and acting
as Coroner shall have, by virtue of his office, jurisdiction to inquire
into the cause and origin of any fire whereby the life of man or beast
Jurisdiction of
Coroner to make
inquiry into the
causes of fires

The Fire Inquiry Act, 1887

has been lost or endangered; or whereby any building, ship, or merchandise, or any stack of corn or hay, or any growing crop, or any trees, saplings, bushes, shrubs, plants, grass, stubble, or scrub has been destroyed or damaged.

Coroner
issue warrant

2. That such Coroner and every such person may issue his warrant for the apprehension and commitment of any person who shall be found by the jury upon such inquisition to have wilfully set on fire any building, ship, or other property in the first section of this Act mentioned.

Short title

3. This Act may be cited as 'The Fire Inquiry Act, 1887.'

Construction

4. That the Ordinances of the 19th Victoria, No. 10, and 27th Victoria No. 1 be read and construed with this Act.

F. NAPIER BROOME,
GOVERNOR.
