

CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

No. 110 of 1981.

AN ACT to amend the Consumer Affairs Act 1971-1980.

[Assented to 4 December 1981.]

BE it enacted by the Queen'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. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Consumer Affairs Amendment Act 1981*. Short title and citation.

(2) In this Act the Consumer Affairs Act 1971-1980 is referred to as the principal Act. Reprinted as approved 12 July 1977 and amended by Acts Nos. 90 of 1978 and 66 of 1980.

(3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Consumer Affairs Act 1971-1981.

Commence-
ment.

2. This Act shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

Long title
amended.

3. The long title of the principal Act is amended by deleting "a Consumer Affairs Council and".

Section 3
repealed.

4. Section 3 of the principal Act is repealed.

Section 4
amended.

5. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the definitions of "Chairman", "Council" and "member".

Part II
repealed.

6. Part II of the principal Act is repealed.

Section 15A
inserted.

7. After section 15 of the principal Act the following section is inserted—

Duties
of the
Commis-
sioner.

" 15A. (1) The duties of the Commissioner include the following, namely—

- (a) making such recommendations to the Minister as the Commissioner considers necessary or desirable in the interests of consumers and in particular investigating and making recommendations to the Minister in relation to any matters that concern the need for or desirability of legislative or administrative action in the interests of consumers;
- (b) advising the Minister on such matters affecting the interests of consumers as he may refer to the Commissioner;
- (c) making recommendations to the Minister for the establishment and maintenance of means by which matters that affect the interests of consumers and of persons engaged in

the production, manufacture, preparation or supply of goods or in commerce or in the provision of services may receive adequate consideration and whereby information concerning such matters and considerations may be disseminated at large.

(2) The Commissioner may co-operate, associate or consult with organizations that have the power to make investigations of the nature referred to in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section. ” .

8. Section 17 of the principal Act is amended— Section 17 amended.

(a) in paragraph (a) by deleting “user” and substituting the following—

“ use ” ; and

(b) by deleting paragraphs (f) and (g).

9. Section 24 (1) of the principal Act is amended by inserting after “member” the following— Section 24 amended.

“ of the Committee ” .

10. Section 25 of the principal Act is amended— Section 25 amended.

(a) by inserting after “member” the following—

“ of the Committee ” ;

(b) by deleting “the Council,”; and

(c) by deleting “of the Council or”.

11. Section 25A (2) of the principal Act is amended— Section 25A amended.

(a) in the definition of “consumer affairs authority”—

(i) by deleting “the Council,” wherever it occurs; and

(ii) by deleting paragraph (c) and substituting the following paragraph—

“ (c) the Chairman of the Committee or any other member of the Committee; ” ;

and

(b) in the definition of “published” by deleting “printed and”.

Section 26
amended.

12. Section 26 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by deleting “The Chairman” and substituting the following—

“ The Commissioner ” ;

(b) by deleting “on behalf of the Council”; and

(c) by deleting “of the Council and”.
