

## BEEF INDUSTRY COMMITTEE.

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No. 80 of 1974.

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AN ACT to establish a Beef Industry Committee  
and for incidental and other purposes.

[Assented to 10th December, 1974.]

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. This Act may be cited as the *Beef Industry Committee Act, 1974.* Short title.
2. This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by proclamation. Commence-  
ment.
3. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—  
“member” means any member of the Committee, including the Chairman thereof; Interpreta-  
tion.

“public notice” means such notice as the Committee is satisfied is necessary to adequately inform producers, owners of abattoirs, auctioneers and purchasers, and their respective agents of the several minimum prices fixed by the Committee under section 8 of this Act;

“the Committee” means the Beef Industry Committee established by section 4 of this Act.

Beef  
Industry  
Committee.

4. For the purposes of this Act there shall be established a committee to be known as the Beef Industry Committee which, subject to the Minister, shall have vested in it the administration of this Act.

Members.

5. (1) The Committee shall consist of seven members, namely—

- (a) one person appointed by the Minister to be a member and Chairman of the Committee;
- (b) two persons appointed by the Minister to be representative of beef producers;
- (c) one person appointed by the Minister after consultation with the body known as the Meat and Allied Trades Federation of Australia (W.A. Division) to represent that body;
- (d) one person appointed by the Minister after consultation with the body known as the Western Australian Livestock Salesmen's Association to represent that body;
- (e) one person appointed by the Minister to represent the proprietors of abattoirs that are not owned by any agency or instrumentality of the Crown; and
- (f) the person for the time being holding or acting in the office of Commissioner for Consumer Protection under the Consumer Protection Act, 1971.

(2) Any member (other than the Commissioner for Consumer Protection) appointed by the Minister shall be appointed for such term as is specified at the time of his appointment, but the Minister may at any time remove any member who, in the opinion of the Minister, because of illness, incapacity, failure to attend meetings of the Committee or any other reason, has ceased to perform or be able to perform his duties as a member, or who, in the opinion of the Minister, has ceased to be representative of the body or class of persons which he was appointed to represent.

(3) The Minister may appoint persons to be deputies of the several members of the Committee, and any deputy so appointed has, at any meeting of the Committee at which he but not the person for whom he is deputy is present, all the powers and functions of that member.

6. (1) The Chairman of the Committee shall convene such meetings and at such times as are necessary for the Committee to duly exercise its powers and functions under this Act.

Meetings  
of the  
Committee,  
etc.

(2) At any meeting of the Committee four members constitute a quorum.

(3) The Chairman shall preside at each meeting of the Committee at which he is present, but if the Chairman or his deputy is not present at a meeting the other members shall select one of their number to act as chairman.

(4) At any meeting of the Committee—

(a) the members other than the Chairman have a deliberative vote; and

(b) if the votes on a question are equally divided, the Chairman has a casting vote.

(5) The Committee shall keep a record of its proceedings and shall make that record available on demand to the Minister at any time.

7. A member or deputy of a member is not personally liable for any act done in good faith by the Committee or by him acting as a member or deputy.

Protection  
of members.

Declaration  
of minimum  
prices.

8. (1) The Committee shall, from time to time by public notice, fix the minimum prices for which the classes and weight ranges of beef specified in the notice may be bought or sold, and may, from time to time by notice so published, vary or cancel any such notice.

(2) A person shall not buy or sell any beef within a class and weight range for which a minimum price is for the time being fixed by public notice under subsection (1) of this section at a price less than the minimum price so fixed for that class and weight range.

Penalty: Two hundred dollars.

(3) The provisions of this section apply only to—

(a) the buying or selling of beef which is sold by a person who owned the animal from which it was derived at the time of the slaughter of the animal and is bought by a person who intends to re-sell that beef either by wholesale or by retail; or

(b) the buying or selling of an animal which is sold by the producer of the animal and bought by another person for the purposes of immediate or proximate slaughter,

and do not in any event apply to the buying or selling of beef intended to be exported from the State.

(4) For the purposes of the application of subsections (1) and (2) of this section to the buying or selling of a live animal as referred to in paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of this section, the relevant minimum price fixed by the Committee under subsection (1) of this section shall be adjusted to the extent necessary to take into account the fact that the buying or selling is not of dressed beef, but of a live animal.

Termination  
of Act.

9. This Act shall expire on the thirtieth day of June, 1975 or on such earlier date as is fixed by the Governor by proclamation.