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Commonwealth of Australia.

### NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

State of Western Australia.

#### Public Authorities and Corporations Powers Order.

WHEREAS by regulation 35A of the Commonwealth National Security (General) Regulations (as amended by Statutory Rule 1941 No. 287) it is provided *inter alia* that the Premier of any State, after consultation with the Minister of State for Home Security, or an officer of the Department of Home Security authorised by that Minister to act on his behalf, and with the Commandant of a Military District, or an officer authorised by the Minister of State for Defence Co-ordination, or the Minister of State for the Army to act on behalf of such Commandant, may by order make such provision as he deems necessary to protect the persons and property of the civil population in that State or any part thereof in case of emergency: Now, therefore I, John Collings Willecock, M.L.A., Premier of the State of Western Australia, having duly held consultations as hereinbefore mentioned and being of the opinion that the present emergency so requires, and acting pursuant to the power conferred by the said regulation 35A, do hereby order as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Public Authorities and Corporations Powers Order.

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Corporation” includes any company registered under any of the provisions of the Companies Act, 1893-1938, of Western Australia and any association registered under the Associations Incorporation Act, 1895:

“Public Authority” includes—

- (a) any municipal council, road board, local health authority and any other statutory local governing body;
- (b) the Minister for Water Supply, Sewerage, and Drainage, and every water board, drainage board, and irrigation board constituted by any law of Western Australia;

- (c) the board of management of a hospital;
- (d) every person, board, trust or association of persons constituted as a corporate body by any law of Western Australia;

- (e) any ambulance society or association;
- (f) the Civil Defence Council; and
- (g) any parks and reserves board;
- (h) the Director of Works; and
- (i) the Commissioner of Main Roads.

3. Notwithstanding anything in any Act or any law or in any memorandum, articles, agreement, or document every public authority and every corporation is hereby empowered—

- (a) to undertake, perform, and carry into effect any act or thing authorised or required to be done by or under or pursuant to any Order made by the Premier of the State of Western Australia under the hereinbefore recited regulation 35A of the Commonwealth National Security (General) Regulations;
- (b) to apply any of its funds or revenue and obtain advances by overdraft of current account for the purpose of undertaking, performing, or carrying into effect any act or thing so authorised or required to be done.

4. Except as otherwise expressly provided in any Order made by the Premier of the State of Western Australia under the hereinbefore recited regulation 35A of the Commonwealth National Security (General) Regulations, no public authority and no body representing the Crown shall be liable in respect of any loss or injury sustained by any person in connection with or arising out of any act or thing done by or under or pursuant to any Order made by the said Premier under the said regulation 35A:

Provided that nothing in this clause shall be deemed to limit or affect any right of any person in respect of personal injury by accident arising out of or in the course of the employment of that person.

5. (1) Subject to subclause (3) of this clause, every municipal council and every road board may, in, on, or upon any land or building or any street, road, or way within its district, provide and maintain air raid shelters