

**BRITISH IMPERIAL OIL COMPANY.**

16° GEO. V., PRIVATE ACT.

**AN ACT to grant to the British Imperial Oil Company, Limited, powers and provisions for the Storage and Supply of Oil, Liquid Fuel, Petroleum Spirits, Kerosene and Petroleum Products, and for other purposes.**

[Assented to 31st December, 1925.]

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hereinafter provided, and the storage, supply and distribution therein, therefrom, and thereby of Oil, Liquid Fuel, Petroleum Spirits, Kerosene and Petroleum products within the area hereinafter defined would be of public and local advantage: And whereas The British Imperial Oil Company, Limited, duly formed and registered as a limited company under the Companies Acts in England, is seized and possessed of or entitled to use and possession of North Fremantle Town Lots 39, 40, 41, 43, 46, part of Lots 45, 47 and 176, and may hereafter acquire other lands within the limits hereinafter mentioned, and is willing and proposes at its own expense to construct and erect thereon the necessary storage tanks, reservoirs, and works for the storage, supply, and distribution of Oil, Liquid Fuel, Petroleum Spirits, Kerosene and Petroleum Products: And whereas it is desirable and expedient to grant to and confer upon the said company the powers, rights, and privileges hereinafter appearing: Be it therefore 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 *British Imperial Oil Company, Limited (Private) Act, 1925.* Short title.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—  
“Company” means the British Imperial Oil Company, Limited, and shall include its assigns:  
“Undertaking” means the storage, supply, and distribution of oil, liquid fuel, petroleum spirit, kerosene and petroleum products within the limits herein mentioned, and the making and constructing of all works connected therewith, and all other works authorised by this Act, and the doing of all things necessary or convenient therefor, subject to the provisions of this Act:  
“Crown lands” includes land vested in the Minister for Lands or any other Minister or person on behalf of the Crown:  
“Street” includes any street, highway, land, public road, thoroughfare, passage, footpath, pavement, or place within the area hereinafter defined:  
“Railway” has the meaning defined by the Government Railways Act, 1904:  
“Wharf” includes any wharf, dock, quay, jetty, landing stage, or other landing place and approaches thereto:  
“Works” means all buildings, erections, storage tanks, reservoirs, works, plant, machinery, apparatus, pipes, mains, connections, and all other works connected with and incidental to the undertaking, or by this Act or in any other way authorised to be constructed or undertaken by the company:  
“Local authority” means within their respective jurisdictions the Mayor and Councillors of the Municipality of North Fremantle, the Commissioner of Railways, and the Fremantle Harbour Trust Commissioners.

*Limits of the Act.*

3. The limits of this Act shall extend to and include the area within the boundaries of the Municipality of North Fremantle, and also so much of the area of the lands and property vested in the Fremantle Harbour Trust Commissioners as is contained within the boundaries described in the first paragraph of the Schedule to the Fremantle Harbour Trust Act, 1902, or which may hereafter be vested in, acquired, or held by, or may be placed or be in the custody, possession, or control of, or over which the Fremantle Harbour Trust Commissioners may exercise authority or

dominion, and also so much of the area of any Crown lands or lands vested in the Honourable the Minister for Railways or the Minister of the Crown administering the Government Railways Act, 1904, for the time being respectively as adjoins or abuts on the lands and property of the Fremantle Harbour Trust Commissioners above described, or lies between the same lands and property and the boundaries of the Municipality of North Fremantle.

4. Subject to the provisions and within the limits of this Act, the company may—

- (a) erect, construct, lay down, establish, and fix all necessary works, and do and perform all such other acts and things as may be thought necessary for storing, supplying, and distributing oil, liquid fuel, petroleum spirits, kerosene and petroleum products in or under any street, or in or under any Crown lands, or in or under any railway or wharf; Power to construct works.
- (b) open, break up, and interfere with any Crown lands, street, railway, or wharf, and any sewer, water pipe, drain, or tunnel within or under any Crown lands, street, railway, or wharf, and may lay down and place in, on, or under any Crown lands, street, railway, or wharf, mains, conduits, service pipes, and other works for the supply and distribution of oil, liquid fuel, petroleum spirits, kerosene and petroleum products, and also may from time to time repair, alter, or remove the same, and for the purposes aforesaid may remove or use all earth and material in or under such Crown lands, street, railway, or wharf; Power to break up streets etc.

Provided that the power to open, break up, or interfere with any Crown lands, railway or wharf shall not be exercised without the consent of the Minister administering the Land Acts or the Government Railways Act, 1904, or the Fremantle Harbour Trust Act, 1902, respectively, subject to such conditions as the Minister may deem expedient:

Provided, also, that all plans and specifications for the construction of the necessary works for storing and supplying or distributing in or under any street shall first be submitted to and approved of by the Minister for Works.

Notice to be served  
and plan deposited  
before breaking up  
streets, etc.

5. Before the company proceeds to open, break up, or interfere with any Crown lands, street, railway, or wharf, sewer, water pipe, drain, or tunnel it shall give to the Minister or to the local authority concerned notice in writing of its intention so to do not less than three clear days before commencing such work, and shall at the same time deposit with the Minister or local authority a plan setting forth the extent to, and the manner in which, it proposes to carry out such work, and the time at which it is intended to commence the same, and (except as hereinafter provided) no Crown lands, street, railway, or wharf, sewer, water pipe, drain, or tunnel shall be opened, broken up, or interfered with unless under the superintendence of the Minister or local authority, and in accordance with the plan deposited as aforesaid: Provided always that if no officer appointed by the Minister or local authority attends at the time fixed in such notice and remains during the opening, breaking up, or interference with any street, railway, or wharf, sewer, water pipe, drain, or tunnel, the company may perform the work specified in such notice and set out in such plan without such superintendence: Provided, further, that in cases of emergency arising from accidents to or defects in the works necessitating the opening, breaking up of or interference with any street, railway, or wharf, sewer, water pipe, drain, or tunnel, such accidents or defects may be repaired without previous notice and without the deposit of any plan, but such notice shall be given and such plan shall be deposited as soon as possible after the commencement of the work or the necessity for the same has arisen.

Streets, etc., broken  
up to be reinstated  
without delay.

6. Whenever the company opens, breaks up, or interferes with any Crown lands, street, railway, or wharf, sewer, water pipe, drain, or tunnel, it shall with all convenient speed complete the work and fill in the ground and reinstate and make good the same to the satisfaction of the Minister or local authority, and carry away all rubbish occasioned by the work, and whilst any street, railway, or wharf shall be opened, broken up, or interfered with, the company shall cause the same to be properly guarded and sufficiently lighted for the warning of the public and shall, when and as required by the Minister or the local authority, keep so much of any street, railway, or wharf as has been opened, broken up, or interfered with in good repair for six months after replacing and making good the same.

7. If the company commits, permits, or suffers any act, delay, neglect, or omission contrary to the provisions of sections five and six hereof, it shall be guilty of an offence against this Act, and be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds for every such offence, and an additional penalty of forty shillings for each day during which any such neglect, omission, or delay shall continue after notice thereof by the Minister or local authority:

Penalty for breaking up without notice or delay in reinstating.

Provided that nothing in this section contained shall relieve the company from liability in respect of the right of action or remedy of any person for any act, delay, neglect, or omission on the part of the company contrary to the provisions of sections five and six hereof.

8. If any such delay, neglect, or omission as aforesaid take place, the Minister or local authority may cause the work so delayed, neglected, or omitted, to be executed and performed, and all expenses so incurred shall be repaid to such Minister or local authority by the company:

In cases of delay other parties may reinstate and recover expenses.

Provided that nothing in this section contained shall render it compulsory for the Minister or local authority to execute or perform any such work, or render it liable for delay, neglect, or failure so to do.

9. The company shall do as little damage as may be in the execution of the powers conferred by this Act, and shall make compensation for any damage which may be done in the execution of such powers.

Company to make compensation for any damage.

10. If at any time the Minister or the local authority deems fit, necessary, or expedient to require the company to raise, sink, or otherwise alter the situation of any works which shall have been erected, constructed, laid down, or fixed contrary to any of the provisions of this Act, or in breach of any condition imposed by the Minister as provided in section four, or for any other reason, then the company shall, within a reasonable time after being required so to do by notice in writing, raise, sink, or otherwise alter the situation of such works accordingly, and in default it shall be lawful for the Minister or the local authority to cause such works to be so raised, sunk, or the situation thereof otherwise altered, and the expenses thereof shall, if rendered necessary by reason of a breach by the company of any of the provisions of this Act or of any such condition as aforesaid or any other default of

Power to local authority to alter situation of pipes, etc.

the company, be borne and paid by the company and shall, in any other case, be borne and paid by the Minister or the local authority: Provided that if, in raising, sinking, or otherwise altering the situation of any of the works for any reason other than a breach by the company of any of the provisions of this Act, any injury shall be done to the same by any person employed by the local authority, compensation shall be made by the local authority to the company for such injury.

## Penalties.

## 11. Any person who—

Connecting with  
pipes without  
consent.

(a) lays or causes to be laid any pipe to connect with any pipe belonging to the company without the consent of the company first had and obtained for that purpose; or

Wilfully removing,  
etc., works.

(b) wilfully or by negligence removes, destroys, or damages any part of the works or other property of the company; or

Altering meters,  
etc.

(c) alters the index to any meter or other recording or measuring apparatus for registering the quantity of oil, liquid fuel, petroleum spirits, kerosene or petroleum products supplied; or

Tampering with  
supply.

(d) erects or keeps erected any apparatus or fitting whereby oil, liquid fuel, petroleum spirits, kerosene or petroleum products may be obtained from any part of the works of the company without the consent in writing of the company first had and obtained for that purpose,

shall be guilty of an offence against this Act, and shall, without prejudice to any other right or remedy of the company to recover damages, be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds for every such offence.

Damages for  
accidentally  
damaging  
works, etc.

12. Every person who unlawfully or wrongfully breaks, throws down, or damages any of the works the property of the company or under its control, shall pay to the company full compensation for such damage, which compensation may be recovered by the company in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Court in which  
proceedings to  
be taken.

13. All penalties in respect of offences under this Act may be recovered in a court of summary jurisdiction.

Payment in lieu  
of rates, etc.

14. The mains, conduits and service pipes of the company in, on, or under any Crown lands, street, railway, or wharf shall be deemed to be rateable land, but in lieu of the

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provisions of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1906, relating to the valuation of land and the making of rates in respect thereof, the company shall pay to the Council in each and every year of the company's operations subsequent to the date on which it shall commence to construct its works and undertakings, a sum of Thirty-five pounds.

The amount to be paid by the company under this section shall be paid by half-yearly payments, the first of which shall be made on the expiration of six months from the date on which the company shall commence to construct its works and undertakings, and shall be in full satisfaction and discharge of all rates and rents, if any, payable to the council in respect of such mains, conduits and service pipes in, on, or under any Crown lands, street, railway, or wharf as aforesaid or the easement or rights conferred by this Act with regard to such mains, conduits and service pipes.

In this section Council means the Mayor and Councillors of the Municipality of North Fremantle.

15. This Act shall be deemed and taken to be a public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such by all judges, justices, and others within the said State of Western Australia, without being specially pleaded. Act to be deemed a public Act.

16. The money deposited by the company with the Treasurer, in accordance with the Joint Standing Orders relating to Private Bills, shall be held by the Treasurer until completion of the work aforesaid, and thereupon be returned to the company. Deposit.

17. If the company shall not commence before the first day of January, 1928, any of the works authorised to be constructed or undertaken by the company, this Act shall cease and determine. Voidance of Act on default of commencement of works.