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AN ACT to establish a public market in the metropolitan area.

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Perth Market Act 1926¹.

[Section 1 amended by No. 6 of 1990 s.4.]

Definition

- 1A. In this Act unless the contrary intention appears
 - "agent" means a person who carries on the business of acting for or on behalf of another person in the selling of general produce whether such sale is by auction or otherwise;

- "Authority" means the body corporate known as the Perth Market Authority preserved and continued under section 3;
- "general produce" means prescribed produce and such other produce as is prescribed by the by-laws to be general produce;
- "market" means a place or places in the vicinity of each other (whether contiguous to each other or not) at which persons meet for the purposes of selling or purchasing for resale general produce or prescribed produce, as the case requires, but does not include any place —
 - (a) at which the sale of general produce or prescribed produce, as the case requires, occurs if the place is the premises of the seller; or
 - (b) at which the purchase for resale of general produce or prescribed produce, as the case requires, occurs if the place is the premises of the purchaser;
- "metropolitan area" means the area described in the Schedule;
- "owner" in relation to a vehicle means the person who is the holder of the requisite vehicle licence under the *Road Traffic Act 1974* in respect of the vehicle, or, if the vehicle is not licensed under that Act, the person who owns the vehicle or is entitled to the possession of the vehicle;
- "prescribed area" means the area within a radius of 70 kilometres from the General Post Office at Perth;

"prescribed produce" means fruit and vegetables;

"public market" means the market established by the Authority under this Act.

[Section 1A inserted by No. 73 of 1969 s.2; amended by No. 77 of 1981 s.3; No. 6 of 1990 s.5.]

Extension of metropolitan area

2. (1) The Governor may from time to time by regulation amend the metropolitan area —

- (a) by adding any area to the metropolitan area or by subtracting any area from the metropolitan area; or
- (b) by deleting and substituting the metropolitan area.

(2) Regulations made under subsection (1) may provide that this Act, as amended by those regulations, may be cited in the manner specified in those regulations.

(3) Notwithstanding any increase in the metropolitan area effected by the regulations made under subsection (1) any act or thing lawfully commenced and not discontinued or abandoned, before the coming into operation of those regulations in an area which was not included in the metropolitan area before that coming into operation but which is in the metropolitan area after that coming into operation may be continued as if those regulations had not come into operation.

[Section 2 inserted by No. 77 of 1981 s.4.]

Perth Market Authority

3. (1) On and after the date of commencement of the Acts Amendment (Perth Market Authority) Act 1990^{1} , the body corporate previously constituted under this Act by the name of the "Metropolitan Market Trust" is preserved and continues in existence as a body corporate under and subject to the provisions of this Act by the name of the "Perth Market Authority", but so that the corporate identity of the body corporate and its rights and obligations are not affected.

(1aa) The Authority as a body corporate has ---

- (a) perpetual succession and a common seal; and
- (b) power to hold land.

(1a) The Authority shall consist of 7 members appointed by the Minister of whom —

- (a) one shall be a person who in the opinion of the Minister has a knowledge of the affairs and interests of persons who carry on the business of buying general produce for the purpose of resale;
- (b) one shall be a person who in the opinion of the Minister has a knowledge of the affairs and interests of agents;
- (c) one shall be a person who in the opinion of the Minister has a knowledge of the affairs and interests of persons by whom or on whose behalf general produce is grown or produced for sale; and
- (d) one shall be a person who in the opinion of the Minister has a knowledge of the affairs and interests of consumers of general produce.
- (2) Such Authority shall
 - (a) do all things as provided by section 11;
 - (b) carry on and conduct its business and hold any profits arising therefrom,

for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia.

[Section 3 amended by No. 77 of 1981 s.5; No. 29 of 1987 s.4; No. 6 of 1990 s.6.]

Term of office

4. Each member of the Authority shall, subject to this Act, hold office for a term of 3 years, and, at the expiration of his term of office, shall be eligible for re-appointment.

[Section 4 inserted by No. 29 of 1987 s.5; amended by No. 6 of 1990 s.10.]

Vacancies

5. On the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of a member of the Authority, the Minister may appoint a person to the vacant office, for his predecessor's unexpired term of office.

[Section 5 amended by No. 29 of 1987 s.6; No. 6 of 1990 s.10.]

Deputy member of Authority

6. (1) In the case of illness, or absence of any member of the Authority, the Minister may appoint some person to act as the deputy of such member. Every person so appointed shall, while so acting, have all the powers and perform the duties of such member.

(2) If such member is the chairman, the Minister may temporarily appoint another member as acting chairman, who while so acting shall have all the powers and perform the duties of the chairman.

[Section 6 amended by No. 29 of 1987 s.6; No. 6 of 1990 s.10.]

Tenure of office

7. The Minister may remove a member of the Authority from his office —

- (a) For misbehaviour or incompetence; or
- (b) If he becomes bankrupt, or takes the benefit of any Act for the relief of bankrupt or insolvent debtors; or
- (c) If he absents himself from 3 consecutive meetings of the Authority (except on leave granted by the Authority) or becomes incapable of performing his duties; or
- (d) If he becomes concerned or interested in any contract made by or on behalf of the Authority, other than a lease or a tenancy agreement or participates or claims to be entitled to participate in the profits thereof or in any benefit or emolument arising therefrom:

Provided that this paragraph shall not extend to an interest as a shareholder in an incorporated company of at least 20 members.

[Section 7 amended by No. 29 of 1987 s.7; No. 6 of 1990 s.10.]

Remuneration of members of Authority

8. Each member of the Authority shall receive such remuneration by way of salary or fees as the Minister from time to time determines on the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner², and such remuneration shall be payable out of and charged upon the revenue of the Authority.

[Section 8 amended by No. 29 of 1987 s.8; No. 6 of 1990 s.10.]

Meetings of Authority

9. (1) Subject to subsection (2) at all meetings of the Authority, 4 of the members shall form a quorum, and the decision of a majority of the members present regarding any matter shall be deemed to be the decision of the Authority.

(2) The chairman of the Authority shall, in the event of an equality of votes, have, in addition to a deliberative vote, a second or casting vote.

[Section 9 inserted by No. 29 of 1987 s.9; amended by No. 6 of 1990 s.10.]

Officers and servants

10. (1) The Authority may appoint and dismiss a manager, and such other officers and servants as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act and, in particular, may appoint inspectors to exercise such powers as may be prescribed.

(2) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (1), to the extent that there is in the case of a person who is appointed under that subsection to be a secretary, inspector or other officer or servant and who is a member of the Senior Executive Service within the meaning of the *Public Service Act 1978* an inconsistency between this Act and that Act that Act shall prevail.

[Section 10 amended by No. 73 of 1969 s.3; No. 29 of 1987 s.9; No. 113 of 1987 s.32; No. 6 of 1990 s.10.]

Power to establish market

11. (1) The Authority may establish and maintain a public market and branches thereof in the metropolitan area, for the purpose of handling, grading, storing, disinfecting or fumigating, dealing in, selling or otherwise disposing of general produce and may permit land held by the Authority to be used and occupied for the purpose of providing such commercial, business,

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professional, trade and other facilities as the Authority considers necessary or desirable for the convenience of persons using the market, resorting thereto, or buying or selling therein.

- (2) For such purposes the Authority may
 - (a) acquire land, machinery, plant, goods, chattels, and effects;
 - (b) erect, maintain, and repair buildings with all necessary machinery and plant;
 - (ba) grant leases of land held by the Authority;
 - (c) construct, or have constructed, or rent, railway sidings and all necessary appurtenances thereto;
 - (d) make roads, market ways, and drains, and convenient approaches to the market;
 - (e) with the approval of the council of the appropriate municipality declare, by a notification in the *Gazette*, and constitute any portion of a public street adjacent to the market a part of the market for such times and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed.

(2a) Subject to the prior approval of the Minister, the Authority may from its funds make grants of money for purposes that, in the opinion of the Authority, will promote the sale of general produce.

(2b) A grant made under subsection (2a) may be made subject to such terms and conditions as the Authority thinks fit.

(3) Whenever any land is required by the Authority for the purposes of this Act, such land may be entered upon, surveyed, and taken in accordance with the *Public Works Act 1902*, and that Act shall apply and may be availed of as if the Authority were a local authority.

(4) Except as provided under subsection (4a), land vested in the Authority shall be exempt from municipal and other rates.

(4a) The Minister may by notice published in the *Gazette* declare any portion of land vested in the Authority —

- (a) not to be exempt from municipal and other rates; or
- (b) to be exempt only in respect of such percentage of the municipal and other rates as is specified in the notice,

and in such a notice may make different provision for different portions of the land.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Act as in force from time to time before the date of the coming into operation of the *Metropolitan Market Act Amendment Act 1977*¹, it shall be deemed that, before that date, the Authority always had all of the powers conferred on it by this Act as amended by that Act.

(6) For the purposes of this section "municipality" has the meaning assigned to that term under the Local Government Act 1960.

[Section 11 amended by No. 31 of 1962 s.2; No. 25 of 1977 s.2; No. 77 of 1981 s.7; No. 29 of 1987 s.11; No. 6 of 1990 s.7.]

Authority may determine market times

11A. (1) The Authority may by notices erected in such places in the public market and in such other manner as it may determine indicate the periods during which, to whom, and the purposes for which, the public market is open for business and the produce that may be traded during those periods.

(2) A notice referred to in subsection (1) may distinguish between persons or classes of persons, produce or kinds of produce and purposes or classes of purposes as the Authority thinks fit. s. 11B

(3) A person who, without the permission of the Authority, contravenes any provision of a notice referred to in this section commits an offence.

Penalty: \$1 000.

(4) Any permission granted by the Authority for the purposes of subsection (3) may be varied or revoked by the Authority.

(5) For the purposes of any proceedings or prosecution for an offence against subsection (3) a certificate signed or purporting to be signed by the manager of the Authority or any person authorized by the Authority in that behalf which states that on any date or during any period —

- (a) the public market was open; or
- (b) the public market was not open,

to the person, for the purpose or for trading in the produce, as the case requires, specified in the certificate is evidence of that fact.

[Section 11A inserted by No. 64 of 1984 s.2; amended by No. 29 of 1987 s.12; No. 20 of 1989 s.3; No. 6 of 1990 s.10.]

Delegation

11B. The Authority may, either generally or as otherwise provided by the instrument of delegation, in writing, delegate to any officer or servant of the Authority the power to grant permission for the purposes of section 11A(3).

[Section 11B inserted by No. 64 of 1984 s.2; amended by No. 6 of 1990 s.10.]

Discontinuance of other markets in metropolitan area

12. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the provisions of the Local Government Act 1960 enabling the council of a municipality to provide and establish public markets —

- (a) shall not have effect
 - (i) in relation to general produce, in the metropolitan area;
 - (ii) in relation to prescribed produce, in the prescribed area; and
- (b) apply and have effect in relation to the Authority, its officers, and the public market and any branch thereof established by the Authority
 - (i) with respect to general produce, in the metropolitan area; and
 - (ii) with respect to prescribed produce in the prescribed area,

with such modifications as are necessary for that purpose.

(2) The council of a municipality to which subsection (1) applies may, with the approval of the Governor and under and subject to Part XXI of the *Local Government Act 1960*, provide places for markets for the sale of general produce only by retail.

[Section 12 amended by No. 37 of 1941 s.2; No. 77 of 1981 s.8; No. 6 of 1990 s.10.]

By-laws

13. (1) The Authority may make by-laws for all or any of the following purposes —

(1) The general conduct of its business and proceedings;

- (2) The control, supervision, and guidance of its officers and servants:
 - (3) Regulating the use, leasing, letting, and occupation of the markets established under this Act;
- (3a) Prohibiting the sale by auction
 - (a) in the metropolitan area of any general produce; and
 - (b) in the prescribed area of any prescribed produce,

elsewhere than in the public market or a branch thereof;

- (3b) Prohibiting the sale within a prescribed distance from the public market or any branch thereof of general produce or provisions by hawkers or stall keepers, or except on the premises of the seller;
- (3c) Prohibiting the sale
 - (a) in the metropolitan area of any general produce; and
 - (b) in the prescribed area of any prescribed produce,

in any market other than the public market or a branch thereof, except with the consent of the Authority and subject to the by-laws;

- (3d) Prohibiting the sale by wholesale
 - (a) in the metropolitan area of general produce; and
 - (b) in the prescribed area of any prescribed produce,

by agents elsewhere than in the public market or a branch thereof;

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- (3e) Requiring any person delivering general produce to the public market or any branch thereof to furnish the Authority with such information relating to the general produce so delivered as may be prescribed and providing that no such information shall be divulged by the Authority or any member, officer or servant of the Authority except for such purposes and in such manner as may be prescribed;
- (4) Regulating the conduct of persons using the market, resorting thereto, or buying or selling therein;
- (4a) Regulating vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the market or any branch of the market and prohibiting or regulating the parking or standing of vehicles or vehicles of a specified class in all parts, or in any specified part, of the market or a branch of the market, at all times or at specified times;
- (4b) Providing for the erection of, and requiring obedience to the directions of, traffic signs, relating to the movement of vehicles or persons and the standing or parking of vehicles, within the market or any branch of the market;
- (4c) Empowering an inspector to require of a person reasonably believed to have committed an offence against the by-laws his name and address, and providing an offence for the refusal or failure to comply with such a requirement;
- (4d) Subject to subsection (2b), providing for the registration of forklifts used within the public market and the licensing of drivers of such forklifts;
- [(4e) deleted]
- [(4f) deleted]
- (4g) Exempting any person or vehicle or class of person or class of vehicle from complying with any by-law prohibiting or limiting the parking or standing of vehicles generally or

otherwise and authorizing a specified officer of the Authority to waive the prosecution of a person for an offence against the by-laws;

- (4h) Prescribing forms for use under the by-laws;
- (4i) Prescribing offences for the purposes of sections 13A to 13C by setting out the offences or by reference to the provisions contravention of which constitutes the offences, and, in respect of each such offence, prescribing the penalty, or different penalties according to the circumstances by which the offence is attended, applicable if the offence is dealt with under that section but so that no such penalty exceeds \$1 000;
- (5) Regulating the method of selling in the market, and preventing every kind of fraudulent device in relation to the sale of marketable commodities, and prescribing that sales by auction or otherwise may be conducted by officers of the Authority;
- (6) Preventing and suppressing nuisances and enforcing cleanliness in and in connection with such market, and for providing for and regulating the storage, removal, treatment, and disposal of garbage, offal, waste, and sewage;
- (7) Prescribing how and by whom and under what conditions and restrictions such market, or any part thereof, may be used and occupied;
- (8) Providing for the inspection, seizure, and destruction of produce, products, and provisions unfit for sale;
- (9) Prescribing, levying, and collecting rents, tolls, fees, and charges for the use of such market and any part thereof; and
- (10) Generally for carrying into effect the provisions of this Act:

Provided that such by-laws shall be subject to the approval of and confirmation by the Governor.

(2) The Authority may, by such by-laws, fix a maximum penalty for every offence against such by-laws or any of them not exceeding \$2 000.

(2a) A by-law made pursuant to paragraph (3a), (3b), (3c) or (3d) of subsection (1) does not apply to or in relation to the sale of general produce or any kind of general produce or of prescribed produce or any kind of prescribed produce —

- (a) by such persons; and
- (b) in such circumstances,

as are prescribed for the purposes of this subsection.

(2b) A by-law made pursuant to subsection (1) (4d) —

- (a) may prescribe a charge for the issue of identification plates for forklifts and for the training of persons seeking a licence to drive a forklift;
- (b) shall not prescribe any fee or charge for the registration of forklifts or the licensing of drivers.

(3) If there shall be any inconsistency between any by-law made under this Act and any by-law made under the *Local* Government Act 1960 the former shall prevail and the latter shall, to the extent of the inconsistency, become or be invalid.

[Section 13 amended by No. 113 of 1965 s.8; No. 73 of 1969 s.4; No. 25 of 1977 s.3; No. 77 of 1981 s.9; No. 64 of 1984 s.3; No. 20 of 1989 s.3; No. 6 of 1990 s.8.]

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Interpretation

- 13A. In sections 13B and 13C
 - "alleged offender" means a person to whom an infringement has been issued pursuant to sections 13B and 13C;
 - "authorized person" means a person authorized under section 13C to give infringement notices;
 - "infringement notice" means notice given under section 13B(1).

[Section 13A inserted by No. 64 of 1984 s.4.]

Infringement notice

13B. (1) Where an authorized person has reason to believe that a person has committed any such offence against this Act or any by-law made under this Act as is prescribed for the purposes of this section, the authorized person may, at or about the time the offence is believed to have been committed, personally give to that person a notice in the prescribed form informing the person that if he does not wish to have a complaint of the alleged offence heard and determined by a court, he may pay to a person specified in the notice within the time therein specified, the amount of the penalty prescribed for the offence if dealt with under this section.

(2) A person given an infringement notice under this section may decline to be dealt with under this section and, if the prescribed penalty is not paid within the time specified in the notice or within such further time as may, in any particular case, be allowed, he is deemed to have declined to be dealt with under this section.

(3) An infringement notice may, whether or not the prescribed penalty has been paid, be withdrawn, at any time within 28 days after the giving of the notice, by the sending of a notice, in the

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prescribed form, signed by a prescribed person, to the alleged offender advising the alleged offender that the infringement notice has been withdrawn, and, in that event the amount of any prescribed penalty that has been paid shall be refunded.

(4) Where a prescribed penalty has been paid pursuant to an infringement notice and the notice has not been withdrawn as provided by subsection (3) proceedings shall not be brought against any person with respect to the offence alleged in the notice.

(5) The amount of any prescribed penalty paid pursuant to an infringement notice shall, subject to subsection (3), be dealt with as if it were a penalty imposed summarily under the provisions of the *Justices Act 1902*.

(6) Where the parking or standing of a vehicle is an element of an alleged offence, an infringement notice may be addressed to the owner of the vehicle without naming that person, and the notice may be left in or upon or attached to the vehicle.

(7) Where under subsection (6), an infringement notice is addressed to the owner of a vehicle and left in or upon or attached to the vehicle then, unless -

- (a) the prescribed penalty for the offence is paid within the time specified in the notice; or
- (b) the owner of the vehicle within the time specified in the notice for the payment of the penalty —
 - (i) informs an authorized person as to the identity of the person who was the driver or person in charge of the vehicle at the time of the alleged offence; or
 - (ii) satisfies a prescribed person that at the time of the alleged offence the vehicle had been stolen or unlawfully taken or used,

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the owner is, in the absence of proof to the contrary, deemed to have committed the offence.

[Section 13B inserted by No. 64 of 1984 s.4; amended by No. 6 of 1990 s.9.]

Authorized persons

13C. (1) An employee of the Authority may be authorized by the Authority in writing signed by the chairman of the Authority to give infringement notices.

(2) The Authority shall issue to each authorized person a certificate in the prescribed form which he shall produce whenever required to do so by a person to whom he has given, or is about to give, an infringement notice.

[Section 13C inserted by No. 64 of 1984 s.4; amended by No. 6 of 1990 s.10.]

Dues, tolls, etc

14. All dues, tolls, rents, and other moneys levied and collected by the Authority —

- (a) shall be paid to the credit of an account in the name of the Authority at a bank to be approved by the Governor; and
- (b) shall be chargeable with the salaries or other remuneration of the members of the Authority, the salaries and wages payable by the Authority, and with all other expenditure lawfully incurred by the Authority in the exercise of its powers under this Act.

[Section 14 amended by No. 6 of 1990 s.10.]

Borrowing powers

- 15. The Authority may, with the approval of the Governor
 - (a) borrow money for the purposes of this Act, and may issue debentures charged on the property and revenues of the Authority to secure the repayment of such money with interest; and
 - (b) form a sinking fund to liquidate any such loan, and apply its revenue to the contributions to such fund.

[Section 15 amended by No. 6 of 1990 s.10.]

Advances by Treasurer

16. The Treasurer may make advances to the Authority to enable it to defray expenditure prior to or after the establishment of the market, and such advances with interest shall be a charge upon the property and revenue of the Authority.

[Section 16 amended by No. 98 of 1985 s.3; No. 6 of 1990 s.10.]

Application of Financial Administration and Audit Act 1985

17. The provisions of the *Financial Administration and Audit* Act 1985 regulating the financial administration, audit and reporting of statutory authorities apply to and in respect of the Authority and its operations.

[Section 17 inserted by No. 98 of 1985 s.3; amended by No. 6 of 1990 s.10.]

[18, 19, 20, 21. Repealed by No. 98 of 1985 s.3.]

SCHEDULE [Section 1A]

Metropolitan Area

The metropolitan area is the area within a radius of 50 kilometres from the General Post Office at Perth.

[Schedule inserted in Gazette 26 June 1987 p.2519.]

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¹ This reprint is a compilation as at 25 September 1991 of the *Perth Market* Act 1926 and includes all amendments effected by the other Acts referred to in Part I of the following Table and by the Regulations referred to in Part II of the following Table.

Table of Acts and Regulations

Part I - Acts

Act	Number and Year	Assent	Commencement	Miscellaneous
Metropolitan Market Act 1926	55 of 1926	24 December 1926	24 December 1926	
Metropolitan Market Act Amendment Act 1941	37 of 1941	14 January 1942	14 January 1942	
Metropolitan Market Act Amendment Act 1962	31 of 1962	4 October 1962	4 October 1962	
Metropolitan Market Act Amendment Act 1969	73 of 1969	7 November 1969	7 November 1969	
Metropolitan Market Act Amendment Act 1977	25 of 1977	27 October 1977	27 October 1977	
Metropolitan Market Amendment Act 1981	77 of 1981	9 November 1981	1 April 1983 (see <i>Gazette</i> 25 February 1983 p.640)	

Act	Number and Year	Assent	Commencement	Miscellaneous
Metropolitan Market Amend- ment Act 1984	64 of 1984	5 November 1984	3 December 1984	
Acts Amend- ment (Financial Administration and Audit) Act 1985, section 3	98 of 1985	4 December 1985	1 July 1986 (see <i>Gazette</i> 30 June 1986 p.2255)	
Metropolitan Market Amend- ment Act 1987	29 of 1987	29 June 1987	27 August 1987 (see <i>Gazette</i> 7 August 1987 p.3079)	
Acts Amend- ment (Public Service) Act 1987 Part III	113 of 1987	31 December 1987	16 March 1988 (see <i>Gazette</i> 16 March 1988 p.813)	
Agricultural Legislation (Penalties) Amendment Act 1989, section 3	20 of 1989	1 December 1989	15 December 1989 (see <i>Gazette</i> 15 December 1989 p.4513)	
Acts Amend- ment (Perth Market Autho- rity) Act 1990, Part 2	6 of 1990	12 July 1990	1 January 1991 (see <i>Gazette</i> 21 December 1990 p.6211)	Transitional ³

Part II — Regulations

Regulations	Gazette	Commencement	Miscellaneous
Metropolitan Market Reg- ulations 1987	26 June 1987 p.2519	26 June 1987	

Nb. The Perth Market Act 1926 was affected by the Decimal Currency Act 1965.

- ² Title changed pursuant to section 7 (5) (a) of the *Reprints Act 1984* to give effect to section 31 (1) (g) of the *Acts Amendment (Public Service) Act 1987*.
- ³ Section 11 of Act No. 6 of 1990 reads as follows —

" Transitional

11. A reference to the Metropolitan Market Trust, whether by use of that name or a similar or abbreviated form of that name —

- (a) in a written law passed or made before the commencement of this Act;
- (b) in any notice, instrument or other document issued, given, made, executed or entered into before the commencement of this Act; or
- (c) made before the commencement of this Act in any other manner,

shall, unless the context is such that it would be incorrect or inappropriate to do so, be read and construed as if it had been amended to be a reference to the Perth Market Authority. ".

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