

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ELECTRICITY AMENDMENT ACT

No. 42 of 1988

AN ACT to amend the *Electricity Act 1945*.

[Assented to 30 November 1988]

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Electricity Amendment Act 1988*.

Commencement

2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Principal Act

3. In this Act the *Electricity Act 1945** is referred to as the principal Act.

[*Approved for reprint 26 June 1984 and amended by Act No. 109 of 1985.]

Section 4A inserted

4. After section 4 of the principal Act the following section is inserted—

Act not to apply to Government electric railways

“ 4A. (1) This Act does not apply to or in relation to any Government electric railway under the *Government Railways Act 1904* that is operated at a nominal pressure of 25 kv and the traction system and the signalling and communication systems ancillary thereto whether or not those systems are operated at a pressure of 25 kv.

(2) Subsection (1) does not of itself have any implication with respect to the Crown in relation to this Act. ”

Section 32 amended

5. Section 32 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) in subsection (1), by deleting paragraph (s) and substituting the following—

“ (s) imposing penalties for any offence committed against a regulation made under this section—

(i) in the case of an individual, of \$5 000; and

(ii) in the case of a body corporate, of \$20 000. ”;

and

(b) in subsection (3)—

(i) by deleting “appointed by, and subject to the directions of,” in paragraph (a) and substituting the following—

“ appointed by the Minister and subject to the directions of ”;

(ii) by inserting after paragraph (a) (iii) the following—

“ (iiia) the licensing or registration of persons having qualifications obtained in another State or Territory of the Commonwealth and approved by the Board as electrical workers or electrical contractors under this Act either unconditionally or subject to such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Board; ”;

(iii) by inserting after “appeals” in paragraph (f) the following—

“ to the Minister or a Local Court ”; and

(iv) by inserting after paragraph (f) the following—

“ (fa) contain such provisions of a savings and transitional nature as are necessary or convenient for the purposes of dealing with matters that are incidental to or consequential on an amendment to any regulations made under this section and for adjustments to any fees and charges payable under the regulations; ”.

Section 33AA inserted

6. After section 33 of the principal Act the following section is inserted in Part IV—

Guidelines

“ 33AA. (1) The Commission may from time to time formulate and publish guidelines recommending safe practices to be adopted in electrical work under this Act.

(2) Guidelines under subsection (1) may—

- (a) specify standards to be observed, practices and procedures to be followed and measures to be taken with respect to electrical work;
- (b) recommend practices and procedures that may be followed, and measures that may be taken to promote the safety of the public and persons engaged in electrical work.

(3) Guidelines published under this section may incorporate or adopt guidelines or codes of practices made, formulated, published or issued under any law of another State or the Commonwealth, the Standards Association of Australia, the Electricity Supply Association of Australia or any other standards with such variations and modifications, if any, as the Commission specifies. ”.
