

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SWAN RIVER TRUST ACT 1988

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No. 23 of 1988

AN ACT to establish a body with planning, protection and management functions in respect of the Swan and Canning Rivers and certain adjoining lands, and for connected purposes.

[Assented to 20 October 1988]

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

PART 1—PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Swan River Trust Act 1988*.

Commencement

2. This Act shall come into operation on such day as is fixed by proclamation.

Interpretation

3. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

“appointed member” means a person appointed under paragraph (a), (f) or (g) of section 12 (1);

“chairman” means the chairman of the Trust;

“Commissioner” means the person who holds or acts in the office of that name created by the *Waterways Conservation Act 1976*;

“committee” means a committee of the Trust established under section 25;

“development” means—

(a) the erection, construction, demolition, alteration or carrying out of any building, excavation, or other works in, on, over, or under land or waters;

(b) a material change in the use of land or waters; and

(c) any other act or activity in relation to land or waters declared by regulation to constitute development,

but does not include any work, act, or activity declared by regulation not to constitute development;

“honorary inspector” means an honorary inspector appointed under section 64;

“inspector” means an inspector appointed under section 64;

“land” includes tidal land and land covered by water, whether continuously or discontinuously;

“local Government authority” means the executive body of a municipality or regional council within the meaning of the *Local Government Act 1960* or a Commissioner appointed under that Act;

“management area” means the land and waters to which this Act applies by operation of section 4, and includes any land the subject of an agreement under section 11 (1) (a);

“member” means a member of the Trust;

“Minister for Planning” means the Minister to whom the administration of the *Metropolitan Scheme Act* is committed;

“Metropolitan Region Scheme” has the meaning assigned to it by the *Metropolitan Scheme Act*;

“Metropolitan Scheme Act” means the *Metropolitan Region Town Planning Scheme Act 1959*;

“public authority” means a Minister of the Crown in right of the State, Government department, State trading concern, State instrumentality, State public utility and any other person or body, whether corporate or not, who or which, under the authority of any written law, administers or carries on for the benefit of the State a social service or public utility;

“State Planning Commission” means the body established by section 4 (1) of the *State Planning Commission Act 1985*;

“Trust” means the Swan River Trust established by section 6;

“waters” includes the riverbed and subsoil beneath such waters;

“Waterways Commission” means the body established by section 11 (1) of the *Waterways Conservation Act 1976*.

Area within which this Act applies

4. (1) This Act applies in respect of the land and waters within the area for the time being described in Schedule 1.

(2) Regulations may be made under section 70 amending Schedule 1—

- (a) by adding any area to the management area or by subtracting any area from the management area; or
- (b) by deleting the management area and substituting another area for it,

but before any such regulations are made the Minister shall consult with—

- (c) the Minister for Planning; and
- (d) the local government authority—
 - (i) of the municipality in whose district any proposed new boundary is located; and
 - (ii) of the municipality in whose district the existing boundary that would be amended is located.

(3) Notwithstanding any increase in the area to which this Act applies effected by regulations referred to in subsection (2), any act or thing lawfully undertaken, and not discontinued or abandoned, before the commencement of those regulations in an area to which this Act did not apply before that commencement but to which this Act applies after that commencement may be lawfully continued and completed as if those regulations had not come into operation.

(4) Without limiting subsection (3), regulations referred to in subsection (2) may make further provisions of a transitional nature that are expedient to be made in respect of an amendment of Schedule 1 under that subsection.

(5) In any proceedings a copy of a plan showing any boundary of the management area purporting to be a copy of a plan referred to in Schedule 1 is evidence of that boundary.

(6) A person may not assert the invalidity of a plan referred to in Schedule 1 on the ground of error, misdescription, irregularity or uncertainty if the error, misdescription, irregularity or uncertainty did not in fact mislead him in a material way.

(7) If any question arises as to the boundary of the management area, the Trust shall, after giving the persons and bodies interested in the resolution of the question the opportunity to make submissions to it, refer the question to the Minister with its opinion.

(8) The Minister shall submit the matter, together with the Trust's opinion, to the Governor for decision as to what is or is to be treated as the boundary of the management area, and his decision is final.

(9) Where any part of the boundary of the management area is determined by the Governor under subsection (8), the Minister shall cause—

- (a) the location of that boundary to be notified in the *Gazette*; and
- (b) a copy of any such notice to be kept with the plans referred to in Schedule 1.

Relationship to other Acts

5. (1) A function vested in the Trust by this Act shall not be performed in such a manner as to limit or restrict the performance of a function conferred by—

- (a) the *Health Act 1911*;
- (b) the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*; or

(c) a written law relating to—

- (i) the conservation of wildlife or indigenous flora; or
- (ii) navigation or the regulation of shipping and boating in the Port of Perth,

except so far as a written law referred to in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) otherwise provides.

(2) Subject to this Act, the vesting in the Trust of management functions in respect of the management area by section 7 (1) (a) does not limit the functions vested by any written law in any other person or body in respect of that area.

(3) In so far as a provision of this Act, other than a provision of Part 5, is in conflict with a power conferred on a local government authority by the *Local Government Act 1960* or any other Act—

- (a) where the matter in question is a matter which in the opinion of the Trust relates entirely to the waters comprised in the management area, the provision of this Act shall prevail;
- (b) where the matter in question relates to land in the management area (not including land covered by water), and the Trust agrees with the local government authority that it is not likely to affect such waters, the provision of this Act shall be deemed not to apply; and
- (c) where the matter in question is a matter which in the opinion of the Trust may indirectly affect such waters, the local government authority shall consult with the Trust and in the event of any dispute thereon the matter shall be determined by the Governor.

(4) Regulations made under section 70 may make provision as to the types of matter that are to be taken as falling within the categories referred to in subsection (3) and as to the manner and circumstances in which such matters shall be brought to the notice of the Trust.

PART 2—SWAN RIVER TRUST

Division 1—Establishment, functions, and powers

Trust established

6. (1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the Swan River Trust.

(2) The Trust is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and is capable of—

- (a) acquiring, holding and disposing of real and personal property;
- (b) suing and being sued; and
- (c) doing and suffering all such acts and things as bodies corporate may lawfully do and suffer.

(3) The Trust is an agent of the Crown in right of the State.

Functions and powers of Trust

7. (1) The functions of the Trust are—

- (a) to manage and protect the management area and to undertake such works and the provision of such facilities as may be required for that purpose;
- (b) to perform the functions vested in it by Part 5;
- (c) to perform such functions under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (which relates to the control of pollution) as are delegated to it under section 20 of that Act;
- (d) to co-ordinate and promote the activities of other bodies that have functions in relation to the management area, including the implementation of any general management strategy applicable to that area;
- (e) to provide advice and assistance to planning authorities so that, in relation to the management area, proper provision is made in planning schemes for—
 - (i) the reservation of river foreshores; and
 - (ii) protection and public use of land and waters;
 - (iii) protection of wildlife habitat;
- (f) to provide advice to the State Planning Commission on statements of planning policy and model planning scheme provisions relating to any matter within its functions; and to publish other statements of policy relating to any matter within its functions;
- (g) to undertake, promote and advise persons and bodies on, measures to control or prevent soil erosion so far as the erosion affects or may affect the management area;
- (h) to provide advice and promote public education on any matter within its functions;

- (i) to join with any other person or body in doing any thing that is within its functions;
- (j) to perform any other function vested in it by this Act or any other written law.

(2) The Trust may do all things that are necessary or convenient to be done for, or in connection with, the performance of its functions.

(3) The Minister may give directions to the Trust with respect to the performance of its functions, either generally or with respect to a particular matter, and the Trust shall give effect to those directions.

Consultation and matters to be considered

8. The Trust shall, so far as is practicable and consistent with this Act—

- (a) consult and co-operate with persons and bodies that are affected in a material way by the performance of its functions; and
- (b) have regard, in the performance of its functions, to—
 - (i) the interests of navigation, fisheries, agriculture, and water supply;
 - (ii) the need to protect the natural beauty and amenity and the wildlife habitat of the management area;
 - (iii) the requirements of public recreation; and
 - (iv) the need to preserve right of access for the public to waters in the management area.

Consultation with local government

9. (1) Where in the opinion of the Trust a measure proposed to be taken by the Trust, not being a development to which Part 5 applies, is one that affects or is likely to affect the interests of a municipality referred to in Schedule 2 in a material way, the Trust shall refer the proposal to the local government authority of that municipality.

(2) A local government authority to which a proposal is so referred may make submissions to the Trust on the proposal.

(3) The Trust shall have regard to those submissions in any report, advice or recommendation that it intends to submit to the Minister on the proposal.

(4) The Minister shall notify the local government authority of his decision on the proposal.

Agreements for joint action

10. (1) The Trust may, with the approval of the Minister, enter into and give effect to any agreement providing for measures to be taken jointly with any other person or body relating to any matter that is within the functions of the Trust and that other person or body.

(2) A local government authority referred to in Schedule 2 may enter into such an agreement under section 328 of the *Local Government Act 1960*, as though the Trust were the municipal council having the care, control and management of the work or service to which the agreement relates.

Agreements as to private land

11. (1) The Trust may, with the approval of the Minister, enter into and give effect to an agreement with the owner, lessee or licensee of any land—

- (a) for the control or management of that land as if it were part of the management area; and
- (b) for the purpose of obtaining rights of access and other rights necessary for the protection and public use of land and waters in the management area.

(2) No agreement shall be entered into under this section unless the owner and any person occupying the land with the consent of the owner have given approval in writing to the agreement.

Division 2—Membership, constitution, proceedings, etc.

Membership of Trust

12. (1) The members of the Trust are—

- (a) a chairman appointed by the Minister;
- (b) the Commissioner;
- (c) the holder of such office in the State Planning Commission established by the *State Planning Commission Act 1985* as the Minister to whom the administration of that Act is committed may from time to time nominate;
- (d) the holder of such office in the Department of Marine and Harbours referred to in section 4 (1) of the *Marine and Harbours Act 1981* as the Minister to whom the administration of that Act is committed may from time to time nominate;
- (e) the holder of such office in the Water Authority of Western Australia established by section 7 of the *Water Authority Act 1984* as the Minister to whom the administration of that Act is committed may from time to time nominate;
- (f) a person appointed by the Minister whose name is included in a panel of 3 names submitted to the Minister by the Local Government Association of Western Australia; and
- (g) 2 persons appointed by the Minister neither of whom is an elected member of a local government authority.

(2) Where the submission of a panel of names is required for the purposes of paragraph (f) of subsection (1), the submission shall be made to the Minister, in writing signed on behalf of the Association referred to in that paragraph, within such reasonable time after the receipt by it of a notice from the Minister that such submission is required as is specified in the notice.

(3) If a submission has not been made in accordance with subsection (2) within the time specified under that subsection the Minister may nominate an elected member of a local government authority to be a member of the Trust in place of the person provided for by subsection (1) (f).

Term of office

13. (1) An appointed member shall hold office for such term, not exceeding 3 years, as is specified in his instrument of appointment, and is eligible for reappointment.

(2) An appointed member, unless he sooner resigns, is removed from office or his office otherwise becomes vacant under section 16, shall continue in office until his successor comes into office, notwithstanding that the term for which he was appointed may have expired.

Extent of duties of office

14. (1) The chairman may be appointed on terms that require him to devote his full time to the performance of the duties of his office.

(2) Except as provided under subsection (1), appointment as a member shall be on a part time basis.

(3) The Minister may grant leave of absence to a member.

Relationship to Public Service

15. The fact that a person is a member, or member of a committee does not—

(a) render the *Public Service Act 1978*, or any Act applying to persons as officers of the Public Service of the State, applicable to that person; or

(b) affect or prejudice the application to him of those provisions if they applied to him at the time when he became a member or a member of a committee.

Extraordinary vacancies

16. The office of a member becomes vacant if—

(a) in the case of an appointed member—

- (i) he resigns his office by written notice addressed to the Minister; or
- (ii) he is removed from office by the Governor on the grounds of misbehaviour, incompetence, or mental or physical incapacity impairing the performance of his duties and proved to the satisfaction of the Governor; and

(b) in the case of any member, he is—

- (i) an undischarged bankrupt or a person whose property is subject to an order or arrangement under the laws relating to bankruptcy; or
- (ii) absent, without leave of the Minister, from 3 consecutive meetings of which he has had notice.

Remuneration and allowances of members

17. (1) A member shall be paid such remuneration and travelling and other allowances as are determined, in his case, by the Minister on the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner.

(2) In subsection (1) “member” means an appointed member, a member of a committee and a person who attends a meeting under section 23.

Deputy chairman

18. The Commissioner is the deputy chairman of the Trust and has, during any period when the chairman is absent or otherwise unable to perform his functions, all of the functions and entitlements of the chairman.

Temporary members

19. (1) Where a member, other than the chairman, is unable to act by reason of sickness, absence or other cause, the Minister may appoint a person who is a representative of the same interests as that member to act in place of that member, and while so acting the appointee has all the functions and entitlements of a member.

(2) An appointment under subsection (1) may be revoked by the Minister at any time.

(3) Where the Commissioner is performing the functions of the chairman at a meeting, subsection (1) applies as though the Commissioner were absent from the meeting.

(4) No act or omission of a person acting in place of another under this section shall be questioned on the ground that the occasion for his acting had not arisen or had ceased.

Business of Trust

20. Subject to this Act, the business of the Trust shall be conducted in such manner as the Trust determines.

Meetings of the Trust

21. The first meeting of the Trust shall be convened by the chairman and thereafter meetings shall be held at the times and places determined by the Trust but the chairman or any 4 members may, on reasonable notice to all members, call a meeting at any time.

Proceedings of the Trust

22. (1) At a meeting of the Trust, 5 members constitute a quorum.

(2) The chairman shall preside at every meeting of the Trust at which he is present and in his absence the deputy chairman shall preside; but if neither the chairman nor the deputy chairman is present at a meeting the other members present shall select one of their number to act as chairman.

(3) Questions arising at a meeting of the Trust shall be decided, in open voting, by a majority of the votes of members present.

(4) If the votes of members present at a meeting and voting on a question are equally divided the chairman, deputy chairman or other person presiding shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote.

(5) The Trust shall keep a record of its proceedings.

(6) In this section “member” includes a person who attends a meeting under section 23.

Local government representation

23. (1) The chairman shall by notice in writing specifying the time and place of a meeting of the Trust, request the local government authority of a municipality referred to in Schedule 2 to nominate a person to attend that meeting if a matter to be considered at that meeting is a relevant matter for that municipality.

(2) A relevant matter for a municipality is one that—

- (a) relates to a development or proposed development in a part of the management area that is in or adjoins the district of that municipality; or
- (b) is in the opinion of the chairman a matter that affects or is likely to affect the interests of that municipality in a material way and to an extent that is greater than the extent to which other municipalities referred to in Schedule 2 are affected.

(3) A notice under subsection (1) shall be given to the municipality not less than 14 clear days before the meeting and a nomination under that subsection shall be made in writing delivered to the Trust not later than 3 clear days before the meeting.

(4) A person nominated under subsection (1) is entitled to attend a meeting for the purpose of determining any relevant matter in relation to which he is nominated, and to attend any subsequent meeting that the chairman may request him to attend in connection with that matter, and has all of the functions of a member in relation to the consideration of that matter at any such meeting.

Resolution may be passed without meeting

24. (1) A resolution in writing signed or assented to by each member by letter, telegram, telex or facsimile transmission shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Trust.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a resolution that relates to a relevant matter for a municipality, within the meaning in section 23 (2).

(3) The chairman shall report the passing of a resolution under subsection (1) to the next meeting of the Trust.

Committees

25. (1) The Trust may from time to time with the approval of the Minister—

(a) establish any committee and—

(i) prescribe the functions, membership, constitution and procedures of any committee; and

(ii) appoint such members of the Trust and other persons as it thinks fit to be members thereof;

(b) discharge, alter, or reconstitute any such committee; and

(c) give directions to a committee with respect to the performance of its functions.

(2) A committee shall comply with any direction of the Trust.

(3) Subject to this Act, a committee may determine its own procedure.

Delegation

26. (1) The Trust may, by resolution of which notice is published in the *Gazette*, either generally or as otherwise provided by the resolution, delegate to an eligible person or body any of its functions under this Act, other than a function vested in it by Part 5.

(2) The Trust may in a resolution under subsection (1) empower a public authority or a local government authority to subdelegate to a committee, member or officer of that authority a function delegated to it under this section.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (2), a delegate or subdelegate shall not further delegate any function.

(4) The performance of a function by a delegate or subdelegate under this section shall be deemed to be the performance of the function by the Trust.

(5) In subsection (1) “eligible person or body” means—

- (a) a member or officer of the Trust;
- (b) a committee of the Trust or a member of a committee;
- (c) a public authority or a member or officer of a public authority;

or

- (d) a local government authority or an elected member or an officer of a local government authority.

Protection of members

27. (1) A member is not personally liable for any act done or omitted to be done in good faith by the Trust, or by him, in the performance of any function under this Act.

(2) In subsection (1)—

“Trust” includes a committee of the Trust; and

“member” includes a member of a committee and a person who attends a meeting under section 23.

Duties and liability of persons performing functions under this Act

28. (1) A member shall at all times act honestly in performing his functions under this Act.

(2) Where a matter is before a meeting for consideration and a member present at the meeting has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the matter, he shall as soon as possible after the relevant facts have come to his knowledge, disclose that he has an interest to the other members so present, and—

(a) the disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting;

and

(b) the member shall not thereafter be present during any consideration or discussion of, and shall not vote on any determination of, the matter.

(3) A member shall not disclose any information acquired by virtue of the performance of any function unless the disclosure is made—

(a) in connection with the carrying out of this Act or under any legal duty; or

(b) for the purposes of any proceedings arising out of this Act or any report of such proceedings.

(4) A member shall not make use of any information acquired by virtue of the performance of his functions to gain directly or indirectly an improper advantage to himself or to cause detriment to the Trust.

(5) A member who commits a breach of any provision of this section—

(a) is liable to the Trust for any profit made by him or for any damage suffered by the Trust as a result of the breach of that provision; and

(b) commits an offence against this Act and is liable to a fine of \$5 000.

(6) This section is in addition to and not in derogation of any other law relating to the duty or liability of the holder of a public office.

(7) In this section “member” means—

- (a) a member of the Trust or of a committee and a person who attends a meeting under section 23; and
- (b) any person to whom a function is delegated or subdelegated under section 26.

Membership not office of profit

29. A person is not by reason only of performing any function under this Act the holder of an office of profit of a municipality for the purposes of section 67 of the *Local Government Act 1960*.

Execution of documents by Trust

30. (1) A document is duly executed by the Trust, if—

- (a) the common seal of the Trust is affixed to it in accordance with subsections (2) and (3); or
- (b) it is signed on behalf of the Trust by the member or members or officer or officers of the Trust authorized by the Trust to do so.

(2) The common seal of the Trust shall not be affixed to any document except by resolution of the Trust.

(3) The common seal of the Trust shall be affixed to a document in the presence of the chairman and another member, or the chairman and an officer of the Trust authorized by the Trust either generally or in any particular case to do so, and each of them shall sign the document to attest that that common seal was so affixed.

(4) A document purporting to be executed in accordance with this section shall be presumed to be duly executed until the contrary is shown.

(5) When a document is produced bearing a seal purporting to be the common seal of the Trust, it shall be presumed that that seal is the common seal of the Trust until the contrary is shown.

(6) All courts and persons acting judicially shall take notice of the common seal of the Trust.

*Division 3—Staff***Staff**

31. (1) The Waterways Commission shall, so far as is practicable, provide the Trust with the services of such officers as the Trust may reasonably require to perform its functions, including the services of administrative, professional and technical staff.

(2) The Trust may, with the approval of the Minister, engage under a contract for services or other arrangement any consultant or person to provide administrative, professional, technical or other assistance as it considers necessary to enable the Trust to perform its functions.

(3) The Trust may, by arrangement made between it and the Minister concerned, and on such terms and conditions as may be mutually arranged by it with that Minister and, if appropriate, with the Public Service Commissioner, make use, either full time or part time, of—

- (a) the services of any officer or employee employed in the Public Service of the State or in a State agency or instrumentality or otherwise in the service of the Crown in right of the State; or
- (b) any facilities of a department of the Public Service of the State or of a State agency or instrumentality.

(4) The engagement of a person under subsection (2) does not—

- (a) render the *Public Service Act 1978*, or any Act applying to persons as officers of the Public Service of the State, applicable to that person; or
- (b) affect or prejudice the application to him of those provisions if they applied to him at the time of his engagement.

PART 3—MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES**Management programme**

32. (1) The Trust shall perform its functions in accordance with any management programme for the time being applicable to the management area.

(2) A copy of a management programme referred to in subsection (1) shall be kept in the offices of the Trust and shall be available for inspection by the public during office hours free of charge.

Management programme to be prepared

33. The Trust shall prepare a management programme for the management area within such period after the commencement of this Act as it is reasonably practicable to do so having regard to the resources available to it.

Review and revision of management programme

34. (1) The Trust shall not later than 5 years after the commencement of a management programme review that programme and, if it considers that the circumstances so require, prepare amendments to that programme or a revised management programme.

(2) If, on a review under this section, the Trust considers that a management programme does not require amendment or revision it may determine that the existing programme shall continue in force without amendment.

(3) In subsection (1) reference to the commencement of a management programme is a reference to the day on which the Minister, under section 40, approved that programme or amendments to it or its continuation in force without amendment.

Consultation

35. In the preparation and review of a management programme under sections 33 and 34, the Trust shall consult—

- (a) the public authorities that are, in the opinion of the Trust, likely to be affected in a material way by the programme;
- (b) the local government authority of a municipality referred to in Schedule 2 to the extent that the interests of such municipality are, in the opinion of the Trust, likely to be affected in a material way by the programme; and
- (c) the Local Government Association of Western Australia.

Contents of management programme

36. (1) Any management programme prepared under this Part shall contain—

(a) a statement of the policies or guidelines proposed to be followed;
and

(b) a summary of the operations proposed to be undertaken,

by the Trust during the period of 5 years from the time when it is approved.

(2) A management programme shall not disclose any information or matter communicated in confidence for the purposes of this Act or which would or might reasonably be expected to cause damage to the interests of the person from whom the information was received.

Programme to be publicly notified

37. (1) Public notification—

(a) that a proposed management programme or amendments to the existing management programme have been prepared; or

(b) that the existing management programme is proposed to be continued in force without amendment,

shall be given in accordance with subsection (2).

(2) The proposed programme or amendments, or the proposal to continue the existing programme in force without amendment, shall be publicly notified by the Trust by the publication—

(a) in the *Gazette*;

(b) in 2 issues of a daily newspaper circulating throughout the State;
and

(c) at the offices of the Trust,

of a notice—

(d) specifying the places at which—

- (i) a copy of the programme or the amendments may be inspected; and
- (ii) copies of the programme or the amendments may be obtained;

and

(e) stating the effect of section 38 and specifying the period referred to in that action.

Public submissions

38. Written submissions on the proposed management programme or amendments or the proposal to continue the existing management programme in force without amendment may be made by any person—

- (a) within a period determined by the Trust, which period shall be not less than 2 months after the day on which the notice is published in the *Gazette*; and
- (b) by delivering or posting them, so that they are received within that period at the offices of the Trust.

Programmes to be referred to certain bodies

39. (1) The proposed management programme, modified if the Trust thinks fit after considering submissions under section 38, shall be submitted by the Trust to each relevant Minister, to each relevant local government authority, and to the Local Government Association of Western Australia together with a summary of those submissions, and may be submitted by it to any other body or organization.

(2) If a Minister or an organization or body to which the proposed programme is referred under subsection (1) considers that the Trust should vary the programme or make any addition to or delete any provision from the programme, it may within one month after receipt of the proposed programme under subsection (1), in writing, request the Trust to make the variation, addition or deletion.

(3) In subsection (1)—

“relevant local government authority” means the local government authority of any municipality referred to in Schedule 2 that was consulted under section 35;

“relevant Minister” means the Minister for the time being responsible for the administration of a written law under which it appears to the Trust that functions are vested in any person in respect of the management area.

Approval by Minister

40. (1) Subject to this Part, the Trust shall submit—

- (a) the proposed programme or amendments, modified as it thinks fit to give effect to submissions made under section 38 and any request made under section 39 (2); or
- (b) the proposal to continue the existing management programme in force without amendment,

to the Minister for approval.

(2) The Trust may, in order to give effect to submissions under section 38 or any request made under section 39 (2), submit to the Minister for approval proposed amendments to the existing management programme instead of the proposal that that programme be continued in force without amendment.

(3) The Minister may—

- (a) approve the proposed programme or the proposed amendments or approve the same with such modifications as the Minister thinks fit; or
- (b) approve the proposal to continue the existing management programme in force without amendment or instead make amendments to that programme.

Notice of approval

41. (1) Notice that—

- (a) a revised management programme has been approved;

- (b) amendments to the existing management programme have been approved or made; or
- (c) the continuation in force of the existing management programme without amendment has been approved,

by the Minister shall be published by the Minister in the *Gazette*, together with a note showing—

- (d) whether any modifications or amendments were made by the Minister under section 40; and
- (e) where a copy of the programme or the amendments may be inspected or obtained.

(2) A management programme or amendments to the existing management programme shall come into operation on the day of publication in the *Gazette* of a notice under subsection (1) or on such later day as is specified in the programme or in the amendments.

PART 4—FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Resources of Trust

42. (1) Subject to this Act, the Trust shall be responsible for managing its own finances.

(2) The funds and property available to the Trust for the purposes of this Act are—

- (a) moneys from time to time appropriated by Parliament for those purposes;
- (b) moneys received by the Trust by way of fees and charges;
- (c) moneys or property accepted by the Trust for application towards any purpose that is included in the functions of the Trust;
- (d) such moneys as may be advanced by the Treasurer in any case in which the moneys standing to the credit of the account referred to in subsection (3) would be insufficient;
- (e) any moneys derived from investment under section 43; and
- (f) any other moneys or property that may lawfully be received by the Trust for the purposes of this Act.

(3) The moneys referred to in subsection (2) shall be paid into, and placed to the credit of, an account—

(a) at the Treasury; or

(b) at a bank approved by the Treasurer,

to be called the Account of the Swan River Trust.

(4) All expenditure incurred by the Trust for the purposes of performing its functions under this Act, including the repayment of moneys borrowed by the Trust under section 46, shall be paid from the Account referred to in subsection (3) and moneys standing to the credit of that Account shall be applied only for the purposes of this Act.

Temporary investment of moneys

43. Moneys standing to the credit of the Account referred to in section 42 (3) may, until required by the Trust for the purposes of this Act, be temporarily invested or dealt with by the Trust in such manner as the Treasurer approves.

Application of *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1985*

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

Application of gifts

45. Where any moneys or property, including moneys or property representing a gift by will, have been accepted by the Trust upon lawful conditions, it shall apply the moneys or property in accordance with those conditions.

Power to borrow from Treasurer

46. For the purposes of section 42 (2) (d), the Trust may borrow from the Treasurer such amounts as the Treasurer approves on such conditions relating to repayment, payment of interest or any other matter as the Treasurer imposes.

PART 5—DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

Definitions

47. In this Part, unless the contrary intention appears—

“applicant” means a person who applies for an approval under section 52;

“approval” means the approval of the Minister for the purposes of section 50;

“development” means a development to which this Part applies by operation of section 49.

Position of Crown

48. (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Part binds the Crown.

(2) Land and waters in the management area that are owned by or vested in a public authority may be used, but not developed, without the approval of the Minister under section 50 if the land and waters are used—

(a) for the purpose for which they are reserved under the *Metropolitan Region Scheme*; or

(b) for any purpose for which they were lawfully used before the coming into force of that Scheme.

Developments to which this Part applies

49. (1) This Part applies to a development if it is proposed to be undertaken in the management area and no part of it is proposed to be undertaken on land or waters that are outside that area.

(2) It is immaterial for the purposes of this Part that a development is undertaken in the performance of a function vested in a person by a written law.

(3) This Part does not apply to a development that was lawfully being carried out in the management area immediately before the commencement of this Act.

(4) A development referred to in subsection (3), or in respect of which all necessary approvals under any written law were in force immediately before the commencement of this Act, may be lawfully carried out as if this Part had not been passed.

Development to be approved

50. (1) Subject to section 51, no person shall undertake or cause to be undertaken any development to which this Part applies without the approval of the Minister or in contravention of a condition or restriction attached to an approval.

Penalty: \$20 000, and a daily penalty of \$2 000.

(2) The requirements of subsection (1) extend to the Trust.

Certain reclamations etc., to be authorized by Parliament

51. (1) Notwithstanding any other written law, no person shall resume, fill in or reclaim any part of the management area that is normally covered by water if the area so to be resumed, filled in or reclaimed—

- (a) exceeds one hectare;
- (b) is required as part of one scheme involving an area of more than one hectare of the area so covered; or
- (c) together with a contiguous area or areas that was or were so covered and has or have been resumed, filled in or reclaimed at any time within the preceding 12 months would exceed one hectare.

except under and in accordance with the authority of a resolution of each House of Parliament approving the resumption, filling or reclamation of that area.

Penalty: \$20 000, and a daily penalty of \$2 000.

(2) Reference in subsection (1) to a part of the management area normally covered by water is a reference to an area so covered when the water level measured at the Barrack Street Jetty in Perth is 80

centimetres above low water mark measured at Fremantle Inner Harbour as defined in the First Schedule to the *Fremantle Port Authority Act 1902*.

(3) The requirements of subsection (1) extend to the Trust.

Applications for approval

52. (1) If a development is proposed to be carried out—

- (a) on land that is within the district of a municipality, an application for approval shall be made in the prescribed form to the local government authority of that municipality;
- (b) on land that is not within the district of a municipality, an application for approval shall be made in the prescribed form to the Trust.

(2) An application shall be accompanied by plans and specifications of the proposed development, and an applicant shall also furnish such information or documents relating to the proposed development as the Trust may reasonably require.

(3) An application to which subsection (1) (a) applies shall be sent to the Trust by the local government authority together with its opinion on the manner in which the application should be determined.

Consultation with other authorities

53. (1) The Trust shall by notice in writing refer full particulars of the proposed development to—

- (a) each public authority that appears to it to have functions that are relevant to the proposed development; and
- (b) to the local government authority of each municipality for which the development appears to the Trust to be a relevant matter within the meaning in section 23 (2) (a).

(2) A public authority or local government authority to which particulars are referred under subsection (1) may make submissions on the proposed development to the Trust.

- (3) A report shall not be made by the Trust under section 55 until—
- (a) the expiration of 42 days after all notices have been given as required by subsection (1); or
 - (b) final submissions have been made to it by all authorities to which particulars were referred under that subsection,

whichever is the sooner.

Public notice

54. (1) The Trust shall also give public notice of the proposed development if—

- (a) it considers that the proposed development is a matter of significant public interest; or
- (b) it is directed by the Minister to do so.

(2) Such notice shall be given by the publication in 2 issues of a daily newspaper circulating throughout the State of a notice—

- (a) specifying the place at which particulars of the proposed development may be inspected; and
- (b) stating the effect of subsection (4) and specifying the period referred to in that subsection.

(3) The Trust shall send a copy of a notice referred to in subsection (2) to the local government authority of each municipality for which the proposed development appears to the Trust to be a relevant matter within the meaning in section 23 (2) (a), and that authority shall display a copy of such notice at its public office until the expiry of the period for making submissions under subsection (4).

(4) Where notice is given under subsection (2), written submissions on the proposed development may be made by any person by delivering or posting them so that they are received by the Trust within a period determined by the Trust, which period shall be not less than 21 days after the second publication referred to in that subsection.

(5) The Trust shall in preparing its report under section 55 (1) consider all submissions received by it under subsection (4).

Report by Trust

55. (1) Subject to sections 53 and 54, the Trust shall prepare a report for the Minister on the proposed development and shall in that report make recommendations on the application.

(2) The Minister shall give a copy of the report of the Trust to—

- (a) the applicant;
- (b) each public authority or local government authority to which notice was given under section 53 (1); and
- (c) each person who made a submission under section 54 (4).

(3) The Minister may cause a report of the Trust to be published.

Steps to be taken by Minister

56. (1) The Minister after considering the report on a proposed development and any other matter that he considers relevant shall—

- (a) deal with the application in accordance with section 59; or
- (b) instead of so doing—
 - (i) remit the application to the Trust and direct it to reconsider its recommendations within such period as the Minister may specify; or
 - (ii) appoint a review committee to consider those recommendations and report to him on them within such period as the Minister may specify,

and subsequently deal with the application in accordance with section 59.

(2) Where the Minister gives a direction to the Trust under subsection (1) (b) (i) he may also direct it to consult with the applicant and any other person it considers appropriate in an endeavour to resolve any question in issue.

(3) The Trust shall comply with any direction given to it under this section.

Review committee

57. (1) A review committee appointed under section 56 (1) (b) (ii) shall consist of one person who has, or 2 or more persons at least one of whom has, appropriate expertise in river management and planning.

(2) A member of such a committee shall be paid such remuneration and travelling and other allowances as are determined in his case by the Minister on the recommendation of the Public Service Commissioner.

Consideration and report by committee

58. (1) A review committee appointed under section 56 (1) (b) (ii) may—

- (a) consult with the applicant and any other person it considers appropriate; and
- (b) inform itself in any manner that it considers appropriate.

(2) The Trust may make submissions to a review committee.

(3) A review committee shall report to the Minister as required by section 56 (1) (b) (ii).

Minister's decision

59. (1) Subject to this Part, the Minister shall for the purposes of section 50—

- (a) approve the development;
- (b) approve the development in a modified form;
- (c) give approval in terms of paragraph (a) or (b) but subject to any conditions or restrictions; or
- (d) refuse his approval.

(2) Nothing in this Part authorizes the Minister to approve a development in a manner that is inconsistent with—

- (a) a management programme under Part 3;

- (b) an approved environmental protection policy under Part III of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*; or
- (c) any condition or procedure required to be complied with under Part IV of that Act.

(3) The Minister may limit the time for which an approval remains in force.

(4) Without limiting subsection (1) (c) the Minister may, as a condition of an approval of a development, require an applicant to pay a reasonable sum in or towards the cost of any study of, or protective or remedial work in respect of, land or waters in the management area that is occasioned by that development.

(5) The Minister shall cause notice in writing of his decision to be given to the applicant and each public authority or local government authority to which notice was given under section 53 (1).

Request for reconsideration of condition

60. (1) Where the Minister gives an approval subject to a condition or restriction, the applicant may within 28 days of receiving notice of the Minister's decision, in writing, request the Minister to reconsider that condition or restriction.

(2) The Minister may deal with a request under this section by confirming his decision, by varying or revoking the condition or restriction or by revoking it and substituting another condition or restriction for it.

(3) Where the Minister amends his decision following a request under this section, he shall cause notice in writing of the amendment to be given to each public authority or local government authority to which notice was given under section 53 (1).

Power of approval may be conferred on Trust

61. (1) Regulations made under section 70 may prescribe classes of developments that the Trust is authorized to approve under this section.

(2) Where the Trust is authorized under subsection (1) to approve a development, it may resolve to do so and it that case sections 54 to 58 do not apply but the Trust may, subject to subsection (2) of section 59, exercise any power described in subsection (1) or (3) of that section.

(3) For the purposes of this Part an approval of a development by the Trust under this section shall be deemed to be the approval of the Minister.

(4) Section 60 applies to an approval given under this section as if references to the Minister were references to the Trust.

False statements

62. A person shall not, in connection with an application under this Part, make a statement or give any information which he knows is false in a material particular.

Penalty: \$1 000.

Compensation

63. (1) Where an application for approval is made under this Part by the owner of land, other than a public authority, and the Minister—

- (a) refuses approval of a development;
- (b) approves a development in a modified form; or
- (c) approves a development (including an approval referred to in paragraph (b)) subject to any condition or restriction that is unacceptable to the applicant,

the owner may obtain compensation for injurious affection from the Trust.

(2) Where a claim for compensation may be brought under subsection (1), no claim lies under section 36 (3) (b) of the Metropolitan Scheme Act.

(3) A claim under subsection (1) shall be made to the Trust in the prescribed form not later than 6 months after the day on which the Minister's decision is notified to the applicant.

(4) Compensation is not payable under this section if payment has been made for the same injurious affection under section 36 (3) (a) of the Metropolitan Scheme Act.

(5) The amount of compensation under subsection (1) shall not exceed the difference between—

- (a) the value of the land as affected by the Minister's decision; and
- (b) the value of the land as not so affected,

as at the time when the Minister's decision is made.

(6) Any question as to whether any land is injuriously affected and as to the amount and manner of payment of the sum which is to be paid as compensation under this section shall be determined by arbitration under and in accordance with the *Commercial Arbitration Act 1985*, unless the parties agree on some other method of determination.

(7) Instead of paying compensation, the Trust may purchase the land affected by the Minister's decision.

(8) Section 36 (2) (b), (2a), (2b), (7) and (8) of the Metropolitan Scheme Act apply for the purposes of this section, with all necessary changes, as if references therein to the Commission were references to the Trust.

(9) This section applies to a decision of the Trust under section 61 as if references in this section to the Minister were references to the Trust.

PART 6—ENFORCEMENT

Inspectors and honorary inspectors

64. (1) The Trust may appoint—

- (a) any person on its staff, including an officer or employee of the Waterways Commission, to be an inspector; or
- (b) any person to be an honorary inspector,

for the purposes of enforcing Part 5 and the regulations.

(2) An honorary inspector—

- (a) may be appointed for the whole or a specified part of the management area;
- (b) may perform, in respect of the area of his jurisdiction, such of the functions of an inspector as may be specified in his instrument of appointment.

(3) Every inspector or honorary inspector shall be furnished with a certificate of his appointment which in any proceedings shall be *prima facie* evidence of his appointment, and, on entering any premises in the course of duty, he shall, if required by the person in charge of the premises, produce the certificate to him.

(4) An inspector may at a reasonable hour enter any premises or stop and detain any vessel or conveyance, and make such inspection and inquiry as he thinks necessary to ascertain whether or not the provisions of Part 5 and the regulations have been or are being complied with.

(5) An inspector shall not under subsection (4) enter any premises, or part of any premises, used for residential purposes unless—

- (a) the consent of the occupier or a person present at the premises has been obtained; or
- (b) such entry is authorized by a warrant issued by a Justice of the Peace on complaint made on oath, the Justice being satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the entry is required for the purposes referred to in subsection (4).

(6) A person shall not resist, delay or in any way obstruct an inspector or honorary inspector in the performance of his functions.

Penalty applicable to subsection (6): \$1 000 and imprisonment for 6 months.

Proceedings

65. (1) A complaint for an offence against this Act may be made and prosecuted by—

- (a) an inspector;
- (b) a police officer; or
- (c) any other person authorized in writing by the Trust for the purpose of the proposed proceedings.

(2) In any proceedings the authority of any person to prosecute for an offence shall be presumed unless the contrary is proved.

(3) Where in a complaint of an offence against this Act there is an averment that an act occurred within the management area, the court shall, on the act being proved, presume in the absence of proof to the contrary that the act occurred within that area.

**Liability of directors etc.,
where offence committed by corporation**

66. (1) Where a body corporate is guilty of an offence against this Act and it is proved that the offence occurred with the consent or connivance of, or was attributable to any neglect on the part of, any director, manager, secretary or other officer of the body, or any person who was purporting to act in any such capacity he, as well as the body corporate, is guilty of that offence.

(2) Where the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members, subsection (1) shall apply in relation to the acts and defaults of a member in connection with his functions of management as if he were a director of the body corporate.

Infringement notices

67. (1) An inspector who has reasonable grounds to believe that a person has committed an offence against regulations made under section 70 may give to that person an infringement notice in the prescribed form.

(2) The infringement notice shall inform the person that if he does not wish to have a complaint of the alleged offence heard and determined by a court he may, within a period of 21 days after the giving of the notice, pay to the Trust the amount of money specified in the notice as being the modified penalty for that offence.

(3) In an infringement notice for an alleged offence, the amount of money specified as being the modified penalty for the offence shall be the amount that is, when the offence is committed, for the time being prescribed to apply to the offence if it is dealt with under this section.

(4) An infringement notice shall be given to an alleged offender personally at or about the time the alleged offence is believed to have been committed.

(5) A person to whom an infringement notice is given may decline to be dealt with under this section and if the modified penalty is not paid within the period specified in the notice or within such further period as may, whether before or after the expiry of the specified period, be allowed by the Trust is deemed to have declined to be so dealt with.

(6) The Trust may, whether or not the modified penalty has been paid, withdraw an infringement notice at any time within a period of 28 days after it was given by sending to the alleged offender a notice of withdrawal in the prescribed form.

(7) Any amount paid under an infringement notice that has been withdrawn shall be refunded.

(8) Where the modified penalty has been paid in accordance with an infringement notice within the period specified therein or within such further period as is allowed and the infringement notice has not been withdrawn under subsection (6), proceedings shall not be brought or penalty imposed that could not be brought or imposed if the person to whom the infringement notice was given had been convicted by a court of, and punished for, the alleged offence.

(9) Payment of a modified penalty pursuant to an infringement notice shall not be regarded as an admission for the purposes of any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, arising out of the occurrence by reason of which the infringement notice was issued.

Power to direct cessation or removal of development contrary to this Act

68. (1) The Trust may—

- (a) by notice in writing served on a person who is undertaking any development in contravention of section 50 or 51 direct him to forthwith stop doing so; or
- (b) by notice in writing served on a person who has undertaken any development in contravention of that section, direct him within such period, being not less than 21 days after the service of the notice, as is specified in the notice, to remove, pull down, take up, or alter any development undertaken in contravention of that section.

or may by one notice give both of such directions to a person.

(2) A person on whom a notice is served containing a direction under subsection (1) (b) may, within the period specified in the notice, appeal to the Minister against the direction, and on such an appeal the Minister may confirm, vary or cancel the direction.

(3) A notice containing a direction under subsection (1) (b) is suspended as to that direction pending the determination of the appeal.

(4) The Minister may, where he confirms or varies the direction under subsection (2), by notice in writing served on the person, direct him to comply with the direction as so confirmed or varied, within such period, being not less than 21 days after the service of the notice given by the Minister, as is specified in that notice.

(5) A person shall comply with a notice given to him under this section.

Penalty: \$20 000 and a daily penalty of \$2 000.

(6) If a person fails to comply with a notice given to him under subsection (1) (b), the Trust may itself remove, pull down, take up or alter the development and may recover from the person in any court of competent jurisdiction the costs incurred by it in so doing.

Removal of property that is abandoned etc.

69. (1) Subject to this section, the Trust may take possession of any property that is on land or waters in the management area if—

- (a) the Trust has reasonable grounds to believe that the property has been abandoned, is derelict or constitutes a danger to persons or property; or
- (b) a notice under subsection (2) (b) relating to that property has not been complied with.

(2) Before it exercises the power in subsection (1) (a) the Trust shall unless the property constitutes a danger to persons or property—

- (a) make reasonable inquiry as to the identity and whereabouts of the person who is or has been the owner of the property; and
- (b) if the identity and whereabouts of that person become known to it give notice to that person requiring him to remove the property within the time specified in the notice.

(3) A person to whom a notice is given under subsection (2) (b) shall comply with the notice.

Penalty: \$2 000.

(4) Any cost incurred by the Trust under this section is a debt due to the Trust by a person who is shown to have been the owner, or in the case of abandoned property the former owner, at the time of removal and is recoverable in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(5) Subject to subsections (6), (7) and (8) any property removed under this section becomes the property of the Trust and may be disposed of as it thinks fit.

(6) If the Trust's estimate of the value of the property exceeds the costs referred to in subsection (4) together with the costs associated with the sale of the same, the Trust shall sell the property, and after payment of all of its costs, hold the proceeds in accordance with subsection (7).

(7) The proceeds of sale referred to in subsection (6) shall become part of the funds of the Trust at the expiration of 12 months from the date of the sale unless within that time a person proves to the satisfaction of the Trust that he is entitled to them or any part of them, in which case the Trust shall pay the proceeds or part thereof in accordance with that entitlement.

(8) Notwithstanding subsections (5), (6) and (7), the Trust shall give possession of the property to any person who proves that he is entitled to the same and who pays to the Trust all costs incurred by it under this section.

PART 7—GENERAL

Regulations

70. (1) The Governor may make regulations prescribing all matters that are required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed, or are necessary or convenient to be prescribed, for giving effect to the purposes of this Act.

(2) Without limiting subsection (1) regulations may—

- (a) regulate, control or prohibit the doing of any thing in relation to the management area, not being a development within the meaning of Part 5, that may adversely affect the amenity or good management of the land and waters in that area;
- (b) regulate, control or prohibit the exhibition of advertisements or signs in the management area and confer power on the Trust to remove or require the removal of advertisements or signs that are exhibited or maintained in contravention of the regulations;
- (c) provide for the imposition and payment of fees and charges; and
- (d) provide that contravention of a regulation constitutes an offence and for penalties not exceeding a fine of \$5 000 and a daily penalty of \$100.

Review of Act

71. (1) The Minister shall carry out a review of the operation and effectiveness of this Act as soon as is practicable after the expiration of 5 years from its commencement, and in the course of that review the Minister shall consider and have regard to—

- (a) the effectiveness of the operations of the Trust;
- (b) the need for the continuation of the functions of the Trust; and
- (c) such other matters as appear to him to be relevant to the operation and effectiveness of this Act.

(2) The Minister shall prepare a report based on his review made under subsection (1) and shall, as soon as is practicable after the preparation thereof, cause the report to be laid before each House of Parliament.

Schedule 3

72. Schedule 3 shall have effect.

SCHEDULE 1

(Section 4)

AREA IN RESPECT OF WHICH THIS ACT APPLIES

All of the land and waters shown edged in red on the Swan River Trust Management Area Plans Nos. 1 to 11 (both inclusive) held at the offices of the Swan River Trust each such plan being certified by the Minister as being a plan prepared for the purpose of defining the Swan River Trust Management Area.

For guidance, the area so delineated may be described in a general way as comprising—

- (a) the waters—
 - (i) of the Swan River upstream of the Fremantle Port Authority boundary;
 - (ii) of the Avon River to its confluence with Moondyne Brook;
 - (iii) of the Helena River to the lower diversion dam on that river;
 - (iv) of the Southern River to Allen Road crossing; and
 - (v) of the Canning River to its confluence with Stinton Creek,
 that are reserved under clause 12 of the Metropolitan Region Scheme for “waterways”.
- and
- (b) lands adjoining those waters that are reserved as parks and recreation areas under clause 12 of the Metropolitan Region Scheme.

SCHEDULE 2 (Sections 9, 10 (2), 23 and 35)

MUNICIPALITIES

City of Armadale
Town of Bassendean
City of Bayswater
City of Belmont
City of Canning
Town of Claremont
Town of East Fremantle
City of Fremantle
City of Gosnells
Shire of Kalamunda
City of Melville
Town of Mosman Park
Shire of Mundaring
City of Nedlands
Shire of Peppermint Grove
City of Perth
City of South Perth
City of Stirling
City of Subiaco
Shire of Swan

SCHEDULE 3

(Section 72)

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Definitions

1. In this Schedule—

“commencement” means the commencement of this Act;

“the Authority” means the Swan River Management Authority constituted by the Governor under section 10 of the *Waterways Conservation Act 1976*.

Dissolution of Authority

2. (1) The Authority is dissolved.

(2) Sections 36 and 37 of the *Interpretation Act 1984* apply, in relation to the dissolution of the Authority, as if this Act were an Act repealing the *Waterways Conservation Act 1976*.

Assets, liabilities, etc.

3. On the commencement—

- (a) the Trust succeeds to any rights, property and obligations of the Authority;
- (b) the Trust shall take delivery of all documents and records (however compiled, recorded or stored) relating to the operations of the Authority; and
- (c) anything lawfully commenced by or in relation to the Authority may, so far as it is not contrary to this Act, be carried on and completed by or in relation to the Trust.

Agreements and instruments

4. Any agreement or instrument subsisting immediately before the commencement to which the Authority was a party or which contains a reference to the Authority has effect after the commencement as if—

- (a) the Trust were substituted for the Authority as a party to the agreement or instrument; and
- (b) any reference in the agreement or instrument to the Authority were (unless the context otherwise requires) a reference to the Trust.

References to the Authority in any law

5. References to the Authority in an enactment as in force immediately before the commencement shall, unless because of the context it would be inappropriate so to do, be read and construed as references to the Trust.

Annual reports for part of a year

6. (1) The Waterways Commission shall report in respect of the Authority as required by section 66 of the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1985*, but limited to the period from the preceding 1 July to the date of the commencement of this Act, and Division 14 of Part II of that Act shall apply as if that period were a full financial year.

(2) For the purposes of Division 14 of Part II of the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1985*, the period of commencement of this Act to the succeeding 30 June shall be deemed to be a full financial year of the Trust.

**Disposal licences under
*Waterways Conservation Act 1976***

7. For the purpose of the performance by the Trust of the functions referred to in section 7 (1) (c), a disposal licence under section 47 of the *Waterways Conservation Act 1976*, that is in force immediately before the commencement and that relates to the management area—

- (a) is deemed to be a licence of the same kind under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*; and
 - (b) subject to that Part, continues in force for the remainder of the period for which it would have been in force, and on the same conditions as would have applied, if this Act and the *Acts Amendment (Swan River Trust) Act 1988* had not been passed.
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