

## CORONERS.

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No. 80 of 1983.

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AN ACT to amend the Coroners Act 1920-1982.

[Assented to 22 December 1983.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Coroners Amendment Act 1983*. Short title and citation.

(2) In this Act the Coroners Act 1920-1982 is referred to as the principal Act. Reprinted as approved 2 December 1980 and amended by Act No. 17 of 1982.

(3) The principal Act as amended by this Act may be cited as the Coroners Act 1920-1983.

Section 11A  
inserted.

2. After section 11 of the principal Act, the following section is inserted—

Power of  
coroner to  
prohibit  
publication  
of names  
of witnesses  
or persons  
referred to  
in evidence.

“ 11A. (1) A coroner holding an inquest may, on proper cause shown, make an order forbidding the publication of the name of any witness or of any person referred to in the course of the inquest, and may vary or revoke an order so made.

(2) For the purposes of this section—

(a) a name is published if it—

(i) appears in any newspaper or any other printed medium;

(ii) is publicly exhibited; or

(iii) is broadcast by wireless transmission or by television;

and

(b) the publication of any reference or allusion to any witness or other person whose name is, by virtue of an order under subsection (1) of this section, forbidden to be published, shall, if such reference or allusion is intended or is sufficient to disclose the identity of such witness or other person, be deemed to be a publication of his name.

(3) A person who fails to comply with an order under subsection (1) of this section commits an offence.

Penalty: \$500 or imprisonment for 6 months or both. ”.