

RURAL INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE.

No. 32 of 1975.

AN ACT to make provision in respect of schemes
of assistance to rural industry.

[Assented to 16th May, 1975.]

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. This Act may be cited as the *Rural Industries Assistance Act, 1975*. Short title.

2. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears— Interpretation.

“Authority” means The Rural Reconstruction Authority established under the Rural Reconstruction Scheme Act, 1971.

“rural industry” means agricultural, horticultural, pastoral, grazing and dairying industries carried on in the State and without affecting the generality of the foregoing provisions, includes dairy farming, poultry farming, bee keeping and viticultural operations;

“scheme” means a scheme of financial assistance to persons engaged in any part of the rural industry other than The Rural Reconstruction Scheme mentioned in section 6 of the Rural Reconstruction Scheme Act, 1971.

Functions
and powers
of the
Authority
under this
Act.

3. (1) Where money is placed under the administration and control of the Authority for the purposes of a scheme of financial assistance to persons engaged in any part of the rural industry the Authority may, subject to the directions of the Minister, operate the scheme.

(2) For the purpose of operating a scheme the Authority has all such powers, rights and privileges as may be reasonably necessary to enable it to carry out that function.

(3) For the purpose of assisting the Authority to operate a scheme, the Authority may, with the consent of the Minister having the administration of the Act relating to a department of the Public Service of the State or an instrumentality or agency of the Crown, make use of the services of any officer of that department, instrumentality or agency.

(4) The money placed under the administration and control of the Authority for the purposes of a scheme shall include—

- (a) any money appropriated by Parliament for those purposes;
- (b) any payment made by the Commonwealth to the State for those purposes; and

- (c) any other money that may be lawfully made available to the Authority for those purposes.

4. (1) The Authority may, with the approval of Regulations. the Governor, make regulations not inconsistent with this Act prescribing all matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed for the carrying out of or giving effect to this Act and schemes, including prescribing fees to be paid in respect of anything done under this Act, the procedure to be adopted in regard to any application or proceeding under this Act and the duties and conduct of applicants for financial assistance under schemes, and for prescribing penalties not exceeding one hundred dollars for offences against the regulations.

(2) Any such regulation may confer upon a specified person or body a discretionary authority and may require any matter or thing to be verified by statutory declaration.
