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No. 2365.

An Act to provide for the establishment of abattoirs at Port Lincoln, and for purposes incidental thereto.

[*Assented to 8th December,* 1937.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the " Port Lincoln Abattoirs Act, 1937 ". Short title

2. This Act, with the exception of sections 1 and 2 thereof, shall commence on a day to be fixed by the Governor by proclamation. Commencement of Act.

3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires or some other meaning is clearly intended— Interpretation.

" abattoirs " means the Port Lincoln abattoirs operated pursuant to this Act :

" carcass " includes the whole or any part of the flesh, wool, skin, hide, bones, hair, hoofs, and offal of any stock :

" meat " means the flesh of any slaughtered stock, whether such meat is intended to be consumed within the Port Lincoln abattoirs area or not, and whether it is in its natural state, or has been subjected to any freezing, chilling, salting, or other preservative process :

" Minister " means the Minister of Agriculture :

"small goods" means any article of food prepared either wholly or in part from small parts of meat:

"stock" means cattle, including horses, sheep, swine, goats, and all other animals which the Governor from time to time, by proclamation, declares to be stock for the purposes of this Act, but does not include poultry.

Port Lincoln abattoirs area.

4. (1) The Port Lincoln abattoirs area shall, subject to any alterations thereof effected under this section, consist of the municipality of Port Lincoln.

(2) The Governor may by proclamation alter the Port Lincoln abattoirs area as existing for the time being, by including additional territory therein or excluding any territory therefrom.

Erection of abattoirs.

5. The Minister may—

(*a*) erect, establish and maintain abattoirs either within or outside the Port Lincoln abattoirs area for the purpose of serving the Port Lincoln abattoirs area:

(*b*) for the purposes of such abattoirs make, establish, and erect all such railway sidings, buildings, works, cold storage plant, machinery, fixtures, fittings, and other works and plant as he considers necessary, and may from time to time alter, remove, and extend the same.

Restriction on the slaughter of stock.

6. Except as provided by the regulations or by a permit under this Act, while abattoirs are available under this Act for slaughtering stock for consumption within the Port Lincoln abattoirs area—

(*a*) no person other than the Minister or his servants shall within the Port Lincoln abattoirs area, elsewhere than at the abattoirs, slaughter or allow or cause to be slaughtered any stock for sale, or dress or allow or cause to be dressed any carcass for sale; and

(*b*) no person shall within the Port Lincoln abattoirs area sell or expose for sale or allow or cause to be sold or exposed for sale any carcass or meat not slaughtered at the abattoirs.

Time when abattoirs available.

7. For the purposes of this Act the abattoirs shall be deemed to be available for slaughtering stock for consumption within the Port Lincoln abattoirs area at all times after the commencement of this Act except times during which the Minister by notice in the *Gazette* and a newspaper circulating in Port Lincoln declares the abattoirs to be closed to the slaughtering of stock.

8. (1) No council or board of health shall, save as is in this section provided, license any slaughter-house within the Port Lincoln abattoirs area; and any licence for a slaughter-house existing at the commencement of this Act shall upon such commencement, cease to be of any effect. Private abattoirs not to be licensed.

(2) This section shall not apply to any slaughter-house or abattoirs used or intended to be used only—

(*a*) for curing bacon and ham; or

(*b*) for the purpose of slaughtering stock for export otherwise than as fresh meat in a chilled or frozen condition.

9. No person shall be liable to any punishment for an offence against section 6 in respect of any meat or carcass which he proves to the satisfaction of the court was not sold or intended to be used for human consumption. Exemption of meat not for human consumption.

10. (1) The Minister or any person authorised by him in writing to grant permits under this section may, on application duly made and payment of the prescribed fee, grant any person a permit authorising him— Permits to import meat into Port Lincoln abattoirs area.

(*a*) to bring into the Port Lincoln abattoirs area any carcass or meat specified in the permit; or

(*b*) to slaughter within the Port Lincoln abattoirs area elsewhere than at the abattoirs any such carcass or meat; and

(*c*) to sell and expose for sale within the Port Lincoln abattoirs area any carcass or meat so brought in or slaughtered.

(2) Every such permit shall be for such period and contain such terms and conditions as the Minister determines.

(3) If any person contravenes any term of a permit issued under this section he shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty of twenty pounds.

11. The Governor may make any regulations necessary or convenient for carrying this Act into effect and for exempting any stock carcasses or meat from the operation of this Act; and may by any regulation prescribe penalties not exceeding ten pounds for breach of any regulation. Regulations.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

G. J. R. MURRAY, Lieutenant-Governor.