LIGHTHOUSES.

No. 17 of 1915.

An Act to amend the Lighthouses Act 1911.

[Assented to 28th June, 1915.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

Short title

- 1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the Lighthouses Act 1915.
- (2.) The Lighthouses Act 1911, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the Lighthouses Act 1911-1915.

Commencement.

- 2. This Act shall commence on the day upon which the Lighthouses Act 1911 is proclaimed to commence.
- 3. After section six of the Lighthouses Act 1911 the following section is inserted:—

Acquisition of lighthouses by compulsory process.

- "6A.—(1.) Where the Commonwealth has failed to enter into an agreement with the Governor or other authority of any State for the acquisition of any particular lighthouse or marine mark the property of that State, the Commonwealth may acquire by compulsory process the lighthouse or marine mark together with any lighthouse tender, store vessel, stores or equipment or other property used by it or him in connexion with the lighthouse or marine mark, and so much of the land reserved dedicated set apart or used for the purpose of the lighthouse or marine mark as the Governor-General thinks sufficient.
- "(2.) For the purposes of this section, any lighthouse or marine mark vested in any authority of a State shall be deemed to be the property of the State.
- "(3.) The provisions of the Lands Acquisition Act 1906 in relation to the acquisition of land by compulsory process and to the determination of the amount of compensation payable in respect of land so acquired shall so far as applicable apply in relation to the acquisition of any lighthouse or marine mark under this section.
- "(4.) The mode of compensation to the State in respect of each lighthouse or marine mark acquired under this section shall be the payment in perpetuity of interest at the rate of three and one-half pounds per centum per annum on the amount of compensation so determined in respect of the lighthouse or marine mark so acquired.

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- "(5.) The interest payable in pursuance of this section shall be payable as from the date of the acquisition of the lighthouse or marine mark, and shall be paid annually or at such shorter periods as the Treasurer thinks fit.
- "(6.) All payments to be made in pursuance of this section shall be payable out of moneys from time to time appropriated by the Parliament for the purpose.
- "(7.) In this section, other than sub-section (1.), the words 'lighthouse' and 'marine mark', include any lighthouse tender, store vessel, stores, equipment or other property, or land, acquired by the Commonwealth under sub-section (1.) of this section."