

Hill, thence again generally northerly along or near the highway to a balancing reservoir in the vicinity of Mount Direction, thence again along or near the highway to a further balancing and reserve storage reservoir at a site to be fixed as near as practicable to Bell Bay, thence generally westerly to a point on the boundary of or within the Australian Aluminium Production Commission's proposed works at Bell Bay.

The works shall further include such branch pipes and mains with their attendant fittings, and other appliances, as may be required to carry out any of the objects of this Act.

MENTAL INSTITUTION BENEFITS (AGREEMENT).

No. 10 of 1949.

AN ACT to authorise the execution of an agreement between the Commonwealth and the State in relation to mental institution benefits. [12 April, 1949.]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

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mencement.

1—(1) This Act may be cited as the *Mental Institution Benefits (Agreement) Act 1949*.

(2) This Act shall commence on a day to be fixed by proclamation, and the day so fixed may be either before or after the date of the proclamation.

Power to
enter into
agreement.

2 The execution by the Premier, on behalf of the State, of an agreement with the Commonwealth in relation to mental institution benefits, substantially in accordance with the heads of agreement set forth in the schedule is hereby authorised.

THE SCHEDULE.

(Section 2.)

MENTAL INSTITUTION BENEFITS: HEADS OF AGREEMENT.

1. The agreement shall not have any force or effect unless and until authorised or approved by the Parliament of the State concerned.

2. The agreement shall be in force for a minimum period of five years and thereafter shall be subject to termination after such period of notice by either party (being not less than one year) as may be specified in the agreement.

3. The Commonwealth shall, subject to compliance by the State with the provisions of the agreement, pay to the State, by way of financial assistance, in respect of qualified persons in mental institutions, amounts determined in accordance with the agreement.

4. The amount to be paid by the Commonwealth to the State for any financial year or part thereof in respect of qualified persons shall be determined by multiplying the Commonwealth Mental Institution Benefit Rate by the number of patient-days in that financial year or part thereof.

5. The State shall ensure that no means test is imposed on, and that no fees are charged to or in respect of, qualified persons.

6. The State shall ensure that, except with the concurrence of the Commonwealth, no charge is made to or in respect of qualified persons for services or comforts for which it was not customary to make a charge as at the first day of November, 1948.

7. For the purposes of the agreement, the number of patient-days in a financial year or part thereof shall be the sum of the number of complete days on which each qualified person was a patient in a mental institution during that financial year or part thereof (the day of admission and the day of discharge being together counted as one day).

8. The agreement may contain such incidental and supplementary provisions as are necessary to give effect to the Commonwealth Mental Institution Benefits Scheme.

9. The agreement shall contain definitions substantially to the following effect and such other definitions as are necessary:—

“the Commonwealth Mental Institution Benefit Rate” means ninepence, or such other rate as is, from time to time, agreed upon between the Commonwealth and the State;

“mental institution” means a hospital for the insane, mental hospital, reception house, receiving house, or similar institution which—

(a) is conducted by the State or is in receipt of a grant for maintenance from the State; and

(b) is for the time being approved by the Commonwealth for the purposes of the agreement;

“qualified person” means a patient in a mental institution who was ordinarily resident in Australia at the time of admission to the mental institution, but does not include a patient whose fees are borne by the Commonwealth or by another State.

PRICES.

No. 11 of 1949.

AN ACT to amend the *Prices Act 1948* [12 April, 1949.]

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1—(1) This Act may be cited as the *Prices Act 1949*.

(2) The *Prices Act 1948** is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

Short title
and citation.