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No. 14 of 1949.

An Act relating to the mining of uranium.

[Assented to 20th October, 1949.]

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

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Uranium Mining Act, 1949".

Power to mine uranium.

2. The Minister of Mines may—

- (a) open and work mines for the mining of uranium and treat any ore won in the course of such mining :
- (b) store, use, sell or otherwise dispose of any uranium won from mines carried on pursuant to this Act, or any by-products produced in the treatment of ore pursuant to this Act :
- (c) acquire any property, construct any works and buildings, enter into any transaction and do or execute any act, matter or thing which it is necessary or convenient to acquire, construct, enter into, do or execute for the purpose of exercising any power conferred on him by paragraph (a) or (b) of this section.

Provided that The Minister of Mines shall not sell or dispose of any uranium unless he has first consulted with the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth on the proposed sale or disposal.

3. (1) The power to acquire property conferred by section 2 of this Act shall include power to buy land and to acquire land by compulsory process. Powers as to land.

(2) This Act is incorporated with the Compulsory Acquisition of Land Act, 1925.

(3) Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to restrict any power of His Majesty or the Governor or any Minister or public authority to resume land held under any lease or agreement granted pursuant to the laws relating to Crown lands or pastoral lands.

4. The powers conferred on the Governor by section 5 of the Crown Lands Act, 1929-1946, shall include power to dedicate Crown land for uranium mining by The Minister of Mines and for purposes incidental thereto, and to grant to The Minister of Mines the fee simple of any Crown land so dedicated to secure the use thereof for the purposes for which it was dedicated. Dedication of land.

5. (1) A person shall not either directly or indirectly divulge any information which relates to uranium and has been acquired by him by reason of or in the course of any employment held by him under the Government of the State or any work done by him for the Government of the State: Provided that this subsection shall not prevent a person from divulging information— Secrecy

- (a) in the course of any duty as an employee of the Government of the State;
- (b) when required by law to do so in legal proceedings; or
- (c) with the consent of The Minister of Mines.

(2) Where a person is doing work for the Government of the State, any person employed by that person in that work shall for the purposes of this section be deemed to be doing work for the Government of the State.

(3) A person who contravenes this section shall be guilty of an offence punishable summarily and liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred pounds or to imprisonment for not more than six months.

6. The Governor may make regulations prescribing any matters which it is necessary or convenient to prescribe for the purpose of carrying this Act into operation and may by regulation prescribe fines recoverable summarily and not exceeding one hundred pounds for breach of any such regulation. Regulations.

Financial
provision.

7. The moneys required for the purposes of this Act shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament for those purposes.

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

C. W. M. NORRIE, Governor.