

Modification  
of section 3 of  
Principal Act.

**2** During the continuance of this Act, the provisions of section three of the Principal Act have effect as if from subsection (1) of that section the words “second Sunday of March” were omitted and the words “last Sunday in February” were substituted therefor.

Expiry of Act.

**3** This Act shall expire on the thirtieth day of September 1972.

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## CONSUMERS PROTECTION.

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### No. 72 of 1971.

#### AN ACT to amend the *Consumers Protection Act* 1970. [26 November 1971.]

**B**E 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:—

Short title and  
citation.

**1**—(1) This Act may be cited as the *Consumers Protection Act* 1971.

(2) The *Consumers Protection Act* 1970 is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

**2** Section six of the Principal Act is repealed and the following sections are substituted therefor:—

Area of  
operations of  
the Council.

“6—(1) With regard to matters affecting consumers, it is the function of the Council, in accordance with this Act, to carry out such investigations and take such other action as is provided therein.

“(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section, the prices charged for goods or services, practices used in connection with the advertising of goods and services, or in con-

nection with the marketing, packaging, or labelling of goods, and matters relating to the fitness of goods for the purpose for which they are offered for sale, shall be regarded as matters affecting the interests of consumers.

“(3) References in this Act to matters affecting the interests of consumers shall be construed as including references to any matter affecting the interests of any particular consumer or any particular class of consumer.

“6A—(1) The Minister may refer to the Council any matter affecting the interests of consumers, and, on any such matter being so referred, the Council shall, as soon as practicable, investigate that matter and report to the Minister on the results of the investigation. Exercise of functions of Council.

“(2) On a complaint made by or on behalf of any person the Council may investigate any matter referred to in the complaint that appears to it to affect that person’s interests as a consumer.

“(3) The Council, whether or not it has commenced to investigate any matter referred to in subsection (2) of this section, may refer the matter to that government department or instrumentality that it considers best able to investigate the matter or to take any action or give any advice that should be taken or given in relation thereto; but the so referring of any such matter does not prevent the Council from investigating or further investigating the matter or taking any other action in relation thereto that it is authorized to do under this Act.

“(4) The Council may enter into consultation with manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, or advertisers on any matters affecting the interests of consumers.

“(5) The Council may make recommendations to the Minister with respect to any matter arising in connection with the exercise of its functions under this Act.

“(6) The Council may advise persons in relation to the provisions of this Act.

“6B—(1) The Council shall, as soon as practicable after the thirtieth day of June in any year, submit to the Minister a report on its proceedings during the twelve months ending on that day. Reports of the Council.

“(2) The Council may submit a report to the Minister on any matter arising in the exercise of its functions under this Act.

“(3) Where the Council considers that any report made by it to the Minister under this Act (not being a report referred to in subsection (1) of this section) should be brought to the notice of Parliament it shall include a statement to that effect in the report.

“(4) As soon as practicable after there has been submitted to the Minister by the Council such a report as is referred to in subsection (1) of this section or a report containing such a statement as is referred to in subsection (3) of this section, the Minister shall lay a copy thereof before each House of Parliament.

“(5) The Council shall not in any report made to the Minister under this Act disclose—

(a) any information with respect to any process, plant, or equipment used in the business carried on by any particular person; or

(b) any information with respect to the financial affairs of any particular person, without the consent of that person.”.

**3** After section ten of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

Protection of  
members,  
officers, &c.

“10A. A member of the Council, the secretary of the Council, any officer appointed under section five, and any authorized officer is not personally liable, and the Crown is not liable, in respect of any statement made or issued, or any act done, in good faith for the purpose of the carrying out of any functions under this Act.”.

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## FARMERS' DEBT ADJUSTMENT.

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No. 73 of 1971.

AN ACT to amend the *Farmers' Debt Adjustment Act 1936*.  
[26 November 1971.]

**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:—

Short title and  
citation.

**1**—(1) This Act may be cited as the *Farmers' Debt Adjustment Act 1971*.

(2) The *Farmers' Debt Adjustment Act 1936*, as subsequently amended, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.