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AN ACT to provide for the Construction of Wooden  
Ships and certain other vessels in this State, and  
to constitute a Board for that purpose.

[16 October, 1942.]

A.D.  
1942.

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** This Act may be cited as the *Shipbuilding Act 1942*.

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A.D. 1942. **2** In this Act unless the contrary intention appears—

Interpreta-  
tion.

“Ship” means any vessel used in navigation and which is constructed principally of wood; and includes any such vessel, not so constructed, which in the opinion of the Board is required for war purposes:

“Secretary” means the Secretary to the Board appointed under this Act:

“The Board” means the Tasmanian Wooden Shipbuilding Board constituted under this Act.

Administra-  
tion.

**3** This Act shall be administered by the Minister for Agriculture.

Constitution  
of the Board.

**4**—(1) There shall be constituted for the purposes of this Act a Board to be called the Tasmanian Wooden Shipbuilding Board, which shall consist of five persons as hereinafter provided.

(2) The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor and shall include—

I. The Director of Public Works:

II. A civil engineer:

III. A master shipbuilder:

IV. A representative of the Area Board of Management:  
and

V. A person experienced in the timber industry—

and shall hold office during the Governor's pleasure.

(3) One member of the Board shall be appointed as chairman thereof.

(4) Any officer of the Public Service may be appointed as a member of the Board, and may hold that office in conjunction with his office as such officer.

(5) The members of the Board as such shall not be subject to the provisions of the *Public Service Act* 1923.

(6) The chairman and members respectively of the Board shall be paid such fees and allowances, if any, as the Governor may determine.

Incorporation  
of the Board.

**5**—(1) The Board shall be a body corporate, having perpetual succession and a common seal.

(2) The seal of the Board shall not be attached to any document except in accordance with a resolution of the Board, and every such sealing shall be authenticated by the signatures of the chairman and the secretary, but if the chairman is absent any member of the Board may sign on his behalf.

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(3) The secretary shall be the executive officer of the A.D. 1942. Board.

**6**—(1) The chairman, if present, shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and in his absence from any meeting the members present shall elect one of their number as chairman for that meeting. Proceedings  
of the Board.

(2) Any three members of the Board shall form a quorum for the transaction of the business of any meeting of which due notice has been given personally or by post to all the members, and the Board may function notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership if a quorum remains.

(3) Where the voting on any question is equal the decision of such question shall be postponed until the next meeting of the Board, and notice of the question and of the fact that the voting thereon was equal shall be given in the notice calling such meeting.

(4) Subject to this section the Board may regulate its own procedure.

**7**—(1) The Governor may appoint a secretary to the Board and such and so many other officers as he may think necessary for the purposes of this Act. Appointment  
of officers.

(2) All such officers shall be subject to the direction of the Board.

(3) If any officer of the Public Service of Tasmania is appointed under this Act his service thereunder shall be taken into account for the purposes of determining his existing and accruing rights as if it were service under the *Public Service Act 1923* but otherwise the provisions of that Act shall not apply to officers under this Act.

(4) Subject to the provisions of subsection (3) hereof no person appointed under this Act shall be an employee for the purposes of the *Superannuation Act 1938*.

**8** The Board, with the approval of the Minister may— Powers of  
the Board.

- I. Engage in, carry on, and conduct the business of the building, construction, and repair of ships:
- II. Enter into contracts for the building, construction, and repair of ships; and sublet any such contract or any part thereof:
- III. Supervise and direct the building and construction of ships undertaken on behalf of the Board by private contractors:
- IV. Establish and carry on shipbuilding works at such places as the Board thinks fit:
- V. Engage and employ such workmen and servants, and upon such terms and conditions as the Board thinks fit:

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VI. Purchase and acquire such stock, plant, machinery, utensils, and raw materials as it may think necessary:

VII. Acquire such freehold or leasehold property as may be required by it for the purposes of this Act, and at any time sell or dispose of any such property which is in excess of such requirements: and

VIII. Sell and dispose of any products of its works in such manner and on such terms and conditions, if any, as it may think best—

and do all such acts and things as may be necessary for giving effect to the purposes of this Act.

Power to  
Board to  
borrow  
£50,000.

**9—**(1) The Board, with the approval of the Governor, may borrow any sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of fifty thousand pounds for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Governor may guarantee the repayment of any sum borrowed by the Board under this Act; and the payment of any interest payable by the Board in respect thereof.

(3) The Treasurer may raise, borrow, or receive any sum of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of thirty thousand pounds for the purposes of this Act and may advance any moneys so borrowed to the Board on such terms as the Governor may approve.

(4) The Treasurer shall not exercise the power conferred upon him by this section unless and until he is satisfied that a binding agreement has been entered into between the Board and the appropriate Commonwealth authority.

Minutes of  
proceedings.

**10** The Board shall keep full and complete minutes of its proceedings and a full and accurate record of all its transactions and activities.

Audit of  
accounts.

**11** The accounts of the Board shall be subject to the provisions of the *Audit Act* 1918, as if the Board were a department of the Public Service.

Board to  
report.

**12—**(1) The Board in the month of July in each year shall submit to the Governor a report of its operations during the financial year then last past.

(2) A copy of such report shall be laid on the table of each House of Parliament within the first fourteen sitting-days after the same is received.

Making of  
regulations.

**13** The Governor may make regulations under this Act.