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Acts Amendment and Repeal (Competition Policy) Bill 2000

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Western Australia

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Acts Amendment and Repeal (Competition Policy) Bill 2000

A Bill for

An Act to amend the statute law for the purposes of competition policy by repealing —

- the *Bread Act 1982*; and
- the Racing Restriction Act 1927,

and by making amendments to various enactments, and for related purposes.

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

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Part 1 — Preliminary

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Acts Amendment and Repeal* (Competition Policy) Act 2000.

5 **2.** Commencement

- (1) This Act comes into operation on a day fixed by proclamation.
- (2) Different days may be fixed under subsection (1) for different provisions.

Part 2 — Repeals

- 3. Bread Act 1982 repealed, and consequential amendment
 - (1) The *Bread Act 1982* is repealed.

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(2) The Schedule to the *Consumer Affairs Act 1971** is amended by deleting "*Bread Act 1982*.".

[* Reprinted as at 25 March 1999.]

- 4. Racing Restriction Act 1927 repealed, and consequential amendment
 - (1) The Racing Restriction Act 1927 is repealed.
- 10 (2) Section 3 of the Western Australian Greyhound Racing Authority Act 1981* is repealed.

[* Reprinted as at 1 January 1999.]

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Part 3 — Amendments

5. Bush Fires Act 1954 amended

- (1) The amendments in this section are to the *Bush Fires Act 1954**.
 - [* Reprinted as at 20 January1997. For subsequent amendments see 1999 Index to Legislation of Western Australia, Table 1, p. 29.]
- (2) Section 7 is amended as follows:
 - (a) by inserting before "In" the subsection designation "(1)";
 - (b) in the definition of "occupier of land" by inserting after "means"
 - ", subject to subsection (2), ";
 - (c) by inserting the following subsection —
 - (2) Except as stated in section 33(9), a reference in this Act to an "owner or occupier of land" does not include a reference to a State agency or instrumentality that owns or occupies land or to a department of the Public Service that manages land.
- (3) After section 33(8) the following subsection is inserted
 - (9) In this section
 - "CALM Act" means the Conservation and Land Management Act 1984;
 - **"Department"** means the department of the Public Service referred to in section 32 of the CALM Act;
 - **"Executive Director"** means the body corporate referred to in section 38 of the CALM Act;

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- (a) a prescribed State agency or instrumentality that owns or occupies land; and
- (b) the Executive Director in relation to land managed by the Department under an agreement entered into by the Executive Director under section 16(1) of the CALM Act.

10 6. Chicken Meat Industry Act 1977 amended

(1) The amendments in this section are to the *Chicken Meat Industry Act 1977**.

[* Act No. 58 of 1977. For subsequent amendments see 1999 Inc

For subsequent amendments see 1999 Index to Legislation of Western Australia, Table 1, p. 35.]

- (2) Section 4(1) is amended by deleting the definitions of "establish" and "processing plant".
- (3) Section 4(2) is amended by deleting "a processor to a grower" in the first place where it occurs and inserting instead —

" processors to growers ".

- (4) Section 15 is amended as follows:
 - (a) before "The" by inserting the subsection designation "(1)";
 - (b) in paragraph (c) after "processor" by inserting —

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that is in or to the effect of the prescribed form of agreement

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(c) at the end of paragraph (f) by deleting the semicolon and inserting a full stop instead;

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(d)	by deleting paragraph (g);
(e)	by inserting the following subsection —
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(2)	Without limiting paragraph (c) of subsection

on (1), the matters that may be taken into consideration by the Committee in performing its function under that paragraph include —

- (a) the productivity of growers;
- the average price for the time being determined (b) under section 16; and
- the market for chicken meat. (c)

- Section 16(1) is amended by deleting "standard price" and (5) inserting instead
 - average price that, subject to subsection (6), is ".
- Section 16(4) is amended as follows: (6)
 - by deleting "standard price" and inserting instead average price that, subject to subsection (6), is ";
 - by deleting "using cost of production figures supplied by (b) the Department".
- Section 16(5) is amended by deleting "standard" and inserting (7) instead
 - average ".
- (8) Section 16(6)(b) is amended by deleting "all processors and growers" and inserting instead — 25

a processor and a grower to whom subsection (7) applies in relation to broiler chickens purchased or otherwise received pursuant to an agreement referred to

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- (b) the Committee is not satisfied that those conditions have been satisfied.
- (13) Section 19 is repealed.
- (14) After section 19A(5) the following subsection is inserted
 - (5a) If regulations prescribe the requirements with which growing premises have to comply, the Committee
 - (a) shall approve growing premises in respect of which an application is made if the Committee is satisfied that the premises comply with those requirements; and
 - (b) shall refuse to approve growing premises in respect of which an application is made if the Committee is satisfied that the premises do not comply with those requirements.
- (15) Section 19A(8) is amended after "subsection (9)" by inserting —
- " and (9a) ".
- (16) After section 19A(9) the following subsection is inserted
 - (9a) If —

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- (a) regulations prescribe the requirements with which growing premises have to comply; and
- (b) the Committee is satisfied that growing premises approved under this section do not comply with those requirements,

the Committee shall revoke the approval by notice in writing served on the person granted the approval.

	(17)	Section 19A(10) is amended after "subsection (9)" by inserting —
		" or (9a) ".
	(18)	Section 19A(13) is repealed.
5	(19)	Section 24(2) is amended as follows:
		(a) before paragraph (a) by inserting the following paragraph —
10		" (aa) providing for environmental, animal welfare and health matters relating to the growing of chickens; ":
		(b) in paragraph (a) by deleting "section 17;" and inserting instead —
15		" sections 16 and 18; ";
		(c) in paragraph (b) by deleting "standard" and inserting instead —
		" average ";
20		(d) in paragraph (d) by deleting "section 15;" and inserting instead —
		" section 15(1); ";
		(e) in paragraph (e) by deleting "information required for the purposes of the records referred to in paragraph (d) of section 15;" and inserting instead —
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		information —
		(i) required for the purposes of the records referred to in section 15(1)(d); or
30		(ii) relating to compliance with the requirements of the regulations;
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		(f) after paragraph (f) by inserting the following paragraph —
5		(fa) prescribing for the purposes of section 19A the requirements with which growing premises have to comply;
	(20)	Section 24(3)(a) is amended by deleting "standard" and inserting instead — " average ".
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10	(21)	Sections 27 and 28 are repealed.
	7.	Eastern Goldfields Transport Board Act 1984 amended
	(1)	The amendments in this section are to the <i>Eastern Goldfields Transport Board Act 1984*</i> .
		[* Reprinted as at 7 January 2000.]
15	(2)	Section 5(2) is repealed and the following subsection is inserted instead —
20	"	(2) The Board is not an agent of the Crown and does not have the status, immunities and privileges of the Crown.
	(3)	Section 35 is repealed.
	8.	Edith Cowan University Act 1984 amended
		Section 38 of the <i>Edith Cowan University Act 1984*</i> is repealed and the following sections are inserted instead —
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	38	B. Powers of Council to invest
		Subject to section 38A in relation to moneys held on trust by the University for the purposes of the University, the Council —
30		(a) may invest any moneys standing to the credit of the Edith Cowan University Account that are not

			immediately required for the purposes of this Act in any securities that the Council thinks fit; and
		(b)	may sell and realise any security or reinvest the proceeds of any sale.
5	38A.	Trust	property and trust moneys
		The C	ouncil —
		(a)	may act as trustee or manager of any property or moneys held on trust by the University for the purposes of the University; and
10		(b)	may apply any property or moneys so held, and not immediately required for the purposes of the trust declared in relation to the property or moneys, in any way that is not inconsistent with the instrument creating the trust.
15	38B.	Repay	ment of trust moneys
	(1)	In this	section —
			moneys' means moneys that are applied under ection 38A(b).
	(2)	The ar	mount of trust moneys that are applied —
20	(2)	The ar	is taken to be a loan to the University from the trust estate or trust fund from which the amount is taken; and
2025	(2)		is taken to be a loan to the University from the trust estate or trust fund from which the amount
	(3)	(a) (b) An am (include)	is taken to be a loan to the University from the trust estate or trust fund from which the amount is taken; and subject to subsection (3), is repayable by the Council as approved by the Minister with interest at the rate approved by the Minister

[* Reprinted as at 1 October 1999.]

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9. Gold Corporation Act 1987 amended

- (1) The amendments in this section are to the *Gold Corporation Act* 1987*.
 - [* Reprinted as at 24 August 1994. For subsequent amendments see 1999 Index to Legislation of Western Australia, Table 1, p. 101.]
- (2) Section 4 is amended as follows:
 - (a) in subsection (5) by deleting "all local government rates and charges and";
 - (b) after subsection (5) by inserting the following subsections —

(6) No local government rate or charge is to be imposed or levied on any land vested in, or the care, control and management of which are placed with, Gold Corporation, that is used or reserved exclusively for the purpose of providing works, undertakings or facilities necessary to the performance of the functions of Gold Corporation.

- (7) Gold Corporation is to pay to the Treasurer for the benefit of the Consolidated Fund in respect of a financial year a sum equal to the amount of any local government rate or charge that, apart from subsection (6), Gold Corporation would have been liable to pay in respect of the financial year.
- (8) Amounts payable under subsection (7)
 - (a) are to be determined in accordance with the principles; and
 - (b) are to be paid at the time or times,

that the Treasurer may direct.

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	(3)	Sectio	n 20 is repealed.
	(4)		n 21(3) is amended by deleting "under section 20." and ng instead —
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5			by Gold Corporation under the State Enterprises (Commonwealth Tax Equivalents) Act 1996.
	(5)	After	section 22 the following section is inserted in Part IV —
10	23		Charges for guarantee
15		1	The Treasurer may, after consultation with the Board, fix charges to be paid by, as the case requires, Gold Corporation, the Mint or Goldcorp to the Treasurer for the benefit of the Consolidated Fund in respect of a guarantee under section 22.
		1	Amounts payable under subsection (1) are to be paid at the times, and in the instalments, that the Treasurer may direct.
20	(6)	Sectio	n 35 is amended as follows:
		(a)	in subsection (6) —
		` /	(i) by deleting "but subject to subsection (7)"; and
			(ii) by deleting "all local government rates and charges and";
25		(b)	by repealing subsection (7) and inserting the following subsections instead —

No local government rate or charge is to be imposed or

levied on any land vested in, or the care, control and management of which are placed with, the Mint, that is

used or reserved exclusively for the purpose of

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- (7a) The Mint is to pay to the Treasurer for the benefit of the Consolidated Fund in respect of a financial year a sum equal to the amount of any local government rate or charge that, apart from subsection (7), the Mint would have been liable to pay in respect of the financial year.
- (7b) Amounts payable under subsection (7a)
 - (a) are to be determined in accordance with the principles; and
 - (b) are to be paid at the time or times,

that the Treasurer may direct.

(7) Section 44(c) is amended by deleting "section 20 instead of income tax" and inserting instead —

section 5 of the State Enterprises (Commonwealth Tax Equivalents) Act 1996

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- (8) Section 48 is amended as follows:
 - (a) in subsection (5) by deleting "all local government rates and charges and";
 - (b) after subsection (5) by inserting the following subsections —

(6) No local government rate or charge is to be imposed or levied on any land vested in, or the care, control and management of which are placed with, GoldCorp, that is used or reserved exclusively for the purpose of

providing works, undertakings or facilities necessary to
the performance of the functions of GoldCorp.

- (7) GoldCorp is to pay to the Treasurer for the benefit of the Consolidated Fund in respect of a financial year a sum equal to the amount of any local government rate or charge that, apart from subsection (6), GoldCorp would have been liable to pay in respect of the financial year.
- (8) Amounts payable under subsection (7)
 - (a) are to be determined in accordance with the principles; and
 - (b) are to be paid at the time or times,

that the Treasurer may direct.

(9) Section 53(c) is amended by deleting "section 20 instead of income tax" and inserting instead —

section 5 of the State Enterprises (Commonwealth Tax Equivalents) Act 1996

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10. Hire-Purchase Act 1959 amended

- (1) The amendments in this section are to the *Hire-Purchase Act* 1959*.
 - [* Reprinted as at 5 February 1986. For subsequent amendments see 1999 Index to Legislation of Western Australia, Table 1, p. 113.]
- (2) Section 1(4) is repealed.

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After section 1 the following section is inserted — (3)

1A. **Application of Act**

- (1) Subject to section 1(5), this Act applies to and in relation to a hire-purchase agreement, and any agreement made in relation to a hire-purchase agreement, that has effect immediately before the day on which section 10 of the Acts Amendment and Repeal (Competition Policy) Act 2000 comes into operation.
- Subject to this section, this Act does not apply to or in (2) relation to an exempt hire-purchase agreement.
- (3) Section 2 applies to and in relation to an exempt hire-purchase agreement as if, in subsection (2)(c) of that section, "in section 12A and" and "under section 12" were deleted.
- (4) For the purposes of, and subject to, section 25, section 13(1) and (2) apply to and in relation to an exempt hire-purchase agreement as if
 - the reference in section 13(1) to a notice in writing in the form of the Third Schedule were a reference to a notice in writing to the effect of that Schedule: and
 - in section 13(2), "section 12A or" were (b) deleted.
- (5) Section 15(1) (except paragraph (a)), (2), (3) and (6) and section 17 apply to and in relation to an exempt hire-purchase agreement.
- Section 24 applies to and in relation to an exempt hire-purchase agreement as if
 - subsection (6)(a) of that section; and

(b) in subsection (6)(b) of that section "in any other case — ",

were deleted.

- (7) Section 25 applies to and in relation to an exempt hire-purchase agreement.
- (8) In this section —

"exempt hire-purchase agreement" means a hire-purchase agreement, and any agreement made in relation to a hire-purchase agreement, entered into on or after the day referred to in subsection (1).

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11. Licensed Surveyors Act 1909 amended, and transitional

(1) The amendments in this section are to the *Licensed Surveyors Act 1909**.

[* Reprinted as at 1 January 1999. For subsequent amendments see 1999 Index to Legislation of Western Australia, Table 1, p. 141.]

- (2) Section 4(1) is amended as follows:
 - (a) in paragraph (a) by deleting "and the chairman thereof";
 - (b) by deleting paragraph (b) and inserting the following paragraphs instead —

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- (b) one member appointed by the Governor, on the nomination of the chief executive officer, to represent interests in relation to land registration matters;
- (ba) one member appointed by the Governor, on the nomination of the Minister, to represent the interests of the users of licensed surveyors' services;

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		(c)	in paragraph (c) after "surveyors" by inserting —
			" who hold practising certificates ".
	(3)		on 4(1a) is repealed and the following subsections are ed instead —
	"	mscrt	ed instead —
5		, ,	The Governor shall appoint, on the nomination of the Minister, one of the members of the Board to be the chairman of the Board.
10	(, ,	One person appointed under subsection (1)(a), (b), (ba) or (d) shall be a licensed surveyor who holds a practising certificate.
	(4)	Section	on 4(4) is amended as follows:
15	()	(a)	by deleting "Institute" in both places where it occurs and inserting in each place instead —
			" Minister ";
		(b)	by deleting "Surveyor General" in the second and third places where it occurs and inserting in each place instead —
20			" chief executive officer ";
		(c)	before "if by an educational" by inserting —
25			if by the Institute, he shall be nominated by the Institute, and,
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	(5)		on 4(5) is amended as follows:
		(a)	after "whenever" by deleting "the Surveyor General,";
		(b)	in paragraph (a) by deleting "the Surveyor General,";

in paragraph (a) by deleting "subsection (1)(b), (c)" and inserting instead subsection (1)(c) "; in paragraph (b) by deleting "the Surveyor General,". (d) Section 4(5a) is amended by deleting "subsection (4a)(a)," and 5 (6) inserting instead subsection (4a). ". Section 7 is amended as follows: (7) in paragraph (a) by deleting "and is of good fame and character"; 10 (b) after paragraph (a) by inserting the following paragraphs has not, during the period of 10 years before (aa) 15 making the application, been convicted of, or served any part of a term of imprisonment for, an offence in Western Australia or elsewhere involving fraud or dishonesty; is not bound in relation to an offence referred to (ab)

(8) Section 26A(3)(c) is deleted.

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(9) A person appointed under section 4 of the *Licensed Surveyors Act 1909* as a member of the Land Surveyors Licensing Board and holding office immediately before the commencement of this section continues to hold office under the first-mentioned section during the period from that commencement until the following 31 December ("the transitional period") as if this section had not been enacted.

in paragraph (aa) by a bail undertaking;

offence referred to in paragraph (aa);

does not have a charge pending in relation to an

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- (10) The Surveyor General continues to hold office as the chairman of the Land Surveyors Licensing Board during the transitional period as if this section had not been enacted.
- (11) A vacancy that occurs in the membership of the Land Surveyors Licensing Board during the transitional period is to be filled in accordance with section 4 of the *Licensed Surveyors Act 1909*, as enacted immediately before the commencement of this section.

12. Racing Restriction Act 1917 amended

- 10 (1) The amendments in this section are to the *Racing Restriction*Act 1917*.
 - [* Reprinted as approved 28 June 1978. For subsequent amendments see 1999 Index to Legislation of Western Australia, Table 1, p. 208.]
- 15 (2) Section 2(1) is repealed and the following subsection is inserted instead
 - (1) No thoroughbred race meeting, and no thoroughbred race, is to be held for a stake or prize or for the purposes of betting without a licence in writing issued by The Western Australian Turf Club ("the Club").
 - (3) Section 2(2) is amended before "race meetings" in each place where it occurs by inserting —
 - " thoroughbred ".
 - (4) Section 2(2b) is repealed.

	(5)		tion 3(1) is repealed and the following subsection is inserted ead —		
5		(1)	held fo withou	r a stak t a licer	the meeting, and no trotting race, is to be the or prize or for the purposes of betting that in writing issued by the Western of the Association ("the Association").
	(6)	Section	on 3(4)	is repea	aled.
10	(7)	After	section	3 the f	following sections are inserted —
	3 <i>A</i>	۸.	Appro	proval as an ARO	
15		(1)	-	nister a	apply to the Minister to be approved by s an approved racing organisation if the
			(a)	is a bo	dy corporate; and
			(b)	has the	e capacity —
20				(i)	to hold race meetings, and horse or pony races, for a stake or prize or for the purposes of betting; and
				(ii)	to ensure that race meetings and races held by it are conducted honestly and free from criminal influence.
25		(2)		olicant f olication	for approval as an ARO is to provide with —
			(a)	hold ra	of the rules under which it proposes to ace meetings and details of the kinds of t proposes to hold;
30			(b)		of the racecourse, or racecourses, at it proposes to hold race meetings; and

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- any other information that the Minister requires for the purposes of a proper consideration of the application.
- The Minister may approve an applicant as an ARO if (3) the Minister is satisfied
 - that the applicant meets the requirements of subsection (1);
 - (b) with the rules provided by the applicant under subsection (2)(a); and
 - that it is not contrary to the public interest to do (c)
- (4) An approval may be subject to any conditions that the Minister thinks appropriate and sets out in, or attaches to, the approval.
- An approval includes an approval of the rules provided (5) under subsection (2)(a).
- If the Minister decides not to approve an applicant as (6) an ARO, the Minister is to give the applicant reasons in writing for the decision.
- The Minister is not to approve an applicant as an ARO in relation to the holding of race meetings or races that include thoroughbred racing or trotting racing.

3B. Variation of conditions and approved rules

- If the Minister is satisfied in relation to the matters (1) mentioned in section 3A(3) in relation to an ARO, the Minister may
 - on the Minister's own initiative or on the (a) application of the ARO, vary or revoke the conditions to which the approval of the ARO is subject under section 3A(4); or

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(b)	on the application of the ARO, approve a
	variation of the rules provided by the ARO that
	are approved under section 3A(5).

(2) The ARO is to provide to the Minister any information that the Minister requires for the purposes of this section.

3C. Revocation of approval

- (1) If the Minister is satisfied that an ARO no longer meets the requirements of section 3A(1), the Minister is to revoke the approval of the ARO under section 3A(3).
- (2) If the Minister is satisfied that an ARO has contravened a provision of this Act, the Minister may revoke the approval of the ARO under section 3A(3).

3D. Restriction on certain horse racing

- (1) No race meeting, and no horse or pony race, is to be held for a stake or prize or for the purposes of betting unless the meeting or race is conducted by an ARO in accordance with the Minister's approval of the ARO under section 3A(3).
- 20 (2) If
 - (a) an ARO proposes to make any change to the programme of race meetings customarily conducted by the ARO in the metropolitan area; and
 - (b) the proposed change may necessitate
 - (i) a reduction in the number of race meetings customarily conducted by the ARO or another ARO outside the metropolitan area; or
 - (ii) the making of any other change to any programme of race meetings

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customarily conducted by the ARO or another ARO outside the metropolitan area

any dispute arising in relation to the matter may be referred to the Minister who may give the ARO or another ARO such direction as the Minister thinks fit in relation to the matter, and effect is to be given to any such direction.

- (3) A direction given by the Minister for the purposes of subsection (2) may, on the application of the ARO given the direction, be varied or cancelled by the Minister.
- (4) This section does not apply to thoroughbred racing or trotting racing.

(8) Section 5 is amended as follows:

- (a) before the definition of "Fremantle district" by inserting the following definition
 - "ARO" means a body corporate approved by the Minister as an approved racing organisation under section 3A(3);
- (b) after the definition of "race meeting" by inserting the following definitions
 - "trotting race meeting" means a meeting of persons for the purpose of trotting racing;
 - "trotting racing" includes pacing and harness racing;

13. Sandalwood Act 1929 amended

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Section 3(2) of the Sandalwood Act 1929* is repealed.

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14. Valuation of Land Act 1978 amended, and transitional

- (1) The amendments in this section are to the *Valuation of Land Act 1978**.
 - [* Reprinted as at 23 April 1996. For subsequent amendments see 1999 Index to Legislation of Western Australia, Table 1, p. 264.]
- (2) Section 6(3) is repealed and the following subsection is inserted instead
 - (3) A person appointed Valuer-General shall be a person who has, in the opinion of the Minister, the qualifications and experience appropriate to the exercise of the powers, and the performance of the duties and functions, conferred or imposed upon the Valuer-General by or under this Act.
- (3) A person appointed Valuer-General under section 6(3) of the *Valuation of Land Act 1978* and holding office immediately before the commencement of this section continues to hold office on and after that commencement as if appointed under section 6(3) of that Act as inserted by subsection (2) of this section.
- (4) Section 14(2) is amended after "class of persons" by inserting —
- or to the public at large ".

After section 16 the following section is inserted in Part II — (5) " Minister to have access to information 16A. The Minister is entitled — (1) to have information in the possession of the 5 Valuer-General; and if the information is in or on a document, to have, (b) and make and retain copies of, that document. For the purposes of subsection (1), the Minister may — (2) request the Valuer-General to provide 10 information to the Minister; request the Valuer-General to give the Minister (b) access to information; for the purposes of paragraph (b), make use of the staff of the Valuer-General to obtain the 15 information and provide it to the Minister. The Valuer-General is to comply with a request under (3) subsection (2) and make the facilities and staff of the Valuer-General available to the Minister for the purposes of subsection (2)(c). 20 (4) In this section — "document" includes any tape, disc or other device or medium on which information is recorded or stored: "information" means information specified, or of a 25 description specified, by the Minister that relates to the powers, duties and functions of the Valuer-General: "staff of the Valuer-General" means the officers and

staff appointed under section 6(1).

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(6) Section 25(2) is repealed.

15. Western Australian Greyhound Racing Authority Act 1981 amended

- (1) The amendments in this section are to the Western Australian Greyhound Racing Authority Act 1981*.
 - [* Reprinted as at 1 January 1999.]
- (2) Section 29(2) is amended by deleting ", subject to section 30,".
- (3) Section 30 is repealed.

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