

**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TRUSTEE,  
EXECUTOR AND AGENCY COMPANY LTD,  
ACT AMENDMENT (PRIVATE BILL)  
(COMMITTEE STAGE)  
6 December 1923**

**Edith Cowan strongly opposed a clause being inserted in the Bill to give the Western Australian Trustee, Executor and Agency Company Limited the right to sell or transfer mortgage or other securities to itself as trustee.**

Clause 15 - Company may sell or transfer mortgage or other securities to itself as trustee:

Mr CUNNINGHAM: Will the member for Perth tell us what this clause means?

Mr Mann: It speaks for itself.

Mr CUNNINGHAM: The hon. member has offered no explanation. We are entitled to know what it means.

*Mrs COWAN:* This clause will establish a dangerous precedent. We had a similar Bill before us last year. It was carefully considered and was up to date in its powers. A clause like the one we are now considering, however, was not included. The more we think about it the more we realise how dangerous it might prove. We want to be careful to see that the position is safeguarded, that nothing can be done without the approval of the Supreme Court. That has been done. In these circumstances of course it is quite possible to trust any company, and therefore I feel it makes it possible to support the Bill as it now is.

*Mr Lambert:* A nice sort of back-handed compliment.

*Mr Mann:* I will not press the clause.

Clause put and negatived.

Clause 16 — negatived.

Clause 17 — Orders of court subject to appeal:

*Hon. W.C. Angwin:* We must retain this clause; every person should have the right of appeal.

*Mr Cunningham:* What is the intention of the member in charge of the Bill?

*Mr Mann:* A similar clause was included in the Bill dealing with the other company last year. The clause should be permitted to stand.

Clause put and passed.

Preamble. Title—agreed to.

Bill reported with amendments and the report adopted.