

BEACHES, FISHING GROUNDS AND SEA ROUTES PROTECTION.

No. 62 of 1961.

An Act to amend the *Beaches, Fishing Grounds and Sea Routes Protection Act 1932.*

[Assented to 24th October, 1961.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

Short title and citation.

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Beaches, Fishing Grounds and Sea Routes Protection Act 1961.*

(2.) The *Beaches, Fishing Grounds and Sea Routes Protection Act 1932*,* as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Beaches, Fishing Grounds and Sea Routes Protection Act 1932-1961.*

Commencement.

2. This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.

Vessels not to be sunk without permission.

3. Section four of the *Beaches, Fishing Grounds and Sea Routes Protection Act 1932* is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-section (1.) the words “without the permission in writing of the Director first obtained” and inserting in their stead the words “without having obtained permission in accordance with this section”;

(b) by omitting from sub-sections (2.), (3.), (4.) and (5.) the word “Director” (wherever occurring) and inserting in its stead the word “Minister”;

(c) by omitting sub-sections (6.) and (7.) and inserting in their stead the following sub-sections:—

“(6.) A person who sinks a vessel at sea, whether in accordance with permission obtained under this section or not, shall, within seven days after the sinking, furnish to a prescribed officer a report, in accordance with the prescribed form, of the sinking.

Penalty: Fifty pounds.

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“(7.) The Minister may, by instrument in writing, delegate, either generally or otherwise as provided in the instrument of delegation, all or any of his powers or functions under this section (except this power of delegation).

“(8.) A power or function so delegated may be exercised or performed by the delegate in accordance with the instrument of delegation.

“(9.) A delegation under sub-section (7.) of this section is revocable at will and does not prevent the exercise of a power or the performance of a function by the Minister.”.
