

# CRIMES.

## No. 10 of 1955.

An Act to amend the *Crimes Act* 1914-1950, and to repeal certain provisions of the *War Precautions Act Repeal Act* 1920-1934.

[Assented to 31st May, 1955.]

**B**E 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 *Crimes Act* 1955.

(2.) The *Crimes Act* 1914-1950\* is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Crimes Act* 1914-1955.

Commencement.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Definitions.

3. Section fifty-one of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting the definition of "coin" and inserting in its stead the following definition :—

“ ‘ coin ’ includes the coin of a foreign country as well as the coin of a part of the Queen's dominions ; ”  
and

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\* Act No. 12, 1914, as amended by No. 6, 1915; No. 54, 1920; No. 9, 1928; No. 13, 1928; No. 30, 1932; No. 5, 1937; No. 6, 1941; No. 77, 1946; and No. 80, 1950.

(b) by omitting the definition of “current” and inserting in its stead the following definition :—

“ ‘current’, in relation to coin, means coin of any of the kinds or denominations of coin which are or have been coined in a mint in any part of the Queen’s dominions or are lawfully current in any part of the Queen’s dominions ;”.

4. After section sixty-two of the Principal Act the following section is inserted in Part IV. :—

“62A. A person shall not, without the consent of the Treasurer, deface or destroy, by melting or otherwise, a current gold coin.

Defacing  
current gold  
coin.

Penalty : One hundred pounds or imprisonment for one year.”.

5. After section ninety of the Principal Act the following section is inserted :—

“90A. A person shall not, without lawful authority, destroy, injure, disfigure or remove a poster, advertisement or notice relating to a Commonwealth loan.

Destroying, &c.,  
posters, &c.,  
relating to  
Commonwealth  
loans.

Penalty : One hundred pounds or imprisonment for one year.”.

6.—(1.) Section eighteen of the *War Precautions Act Repeal Act* 1920–1934 and the heading to that section, and sections twenty and twenty-one of that Act, are repealed.

Repeal of  
certain  
provisions of  
War  
Precautions  
Act Repeal  
Act.

(2.) The *War Precautions Act Repeal Act* 1920–1934, as amended by this section, may be cited as the *War Precautions Act Repeal Act* 1920–1955.