

Discharge of water.

38. Any water used by the Authority for the generation of electricity shall be discharged into a lake, river or stream in the Snowy Mountains Area.

Sale of surplus electricity.

39. The Authority may sell to a State, or to an authority of a State, electricity generated by the Authority which is not immediately required by the Commonwealth for defence purposes or for consumption in the Australian Capital Territory.

Annual report.

40.—(1.) The Authority shall, as soon as practicable after the thirtieth day of June in each year, prepare and furnish to the Minister a report on the operations of the Authority during the year ended on that date, together with financial accounts in respect of that year in such form as the Treasurer approves.

(2.) Before submitting the financial accounts to the Minister, the Authority shall submit them to the Auditor-General for the Commonwealth for report as to their correctness or otherwise.

(3.) The report and financial accounts of the Authority, together with the report of the Auditor-General as to those accounts, shall be laid before each House of the Parliament within fifteen sitting days of that House after their receipt by the Minister.

(4.) The Authority shall furnish to the Minister such other reports, and such documents and information, relating to the operations of the Authority, as the Minister requires.

Regulations.

41. The Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with this Act, prescribing all matters which, by this Act, are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed, for carrying out or giving effect to this Act and, in particular, for prescribing penalties not exceeding a fine of Fifty pounds or imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months, or both, for offences against the regulations.

PHARMACEUTICAL BENEFITS (NO. 2).

No. 26 of 1949.

An Act to amend the provisions of the *Pharmaceutical Benefits Act 1947*, as amended by the *Pharmaceutical Benefits Act 1949*, relating to the writing of Prescriptions by Medical Practitioners.

[Assented to 7th July, 1949.]

BE it enacted by the King'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 *Pharmaceutical Benefits Act (No. 2) 1949*.

(2.) The *Pharmaceutical Benefits Act 1947**, as amended by the *Pharmaceutical Benefits Act 1949†*, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) Section one of the *Pharmaceutical Benefits Act 1949* is amended by omitting sub-section (3.).

(4.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Pharmaceutical Benefits Act 1947-1949*.

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

3.—(1.) Section seven A of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead :—

“ 7A.—(1.) Subject to this section, a medical practitioner shall write, in respect of a person entitled to receive pharmaceutical benefits, a prescription for— Medical practitioners to write prescriptions on official forms.

(a) an uncompounded medicine the name of which, or a medicinal compound the formula of which, is contained, or is deemed to be included, in the Commonwealth Pharmaceutical Formulary; or

(b) a material or appliance the name of which is contained in the prescribed addendum to the Commonwealth Pharmaceutical Formulary,

otherwise than on a prescription form supplied by the Commonwealth for the purposes of this Act.

Penalty : Fifty pounds.

“ (2.) The last preceding sub-section shall not apply—

(a) in any case in which the person in respect of whom, or at whose request, the prescription is written requests the medical practitioner not to write the prescription on a prescription form supplied by the Commonwealth for the purposes of this Act; or

(b) in such other cases or circumstances as are prescribed.”.

(2.) The section inserted in the Principal Act by this section shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.

(3.) Regulations for the purposes of the section inserted by sub-section (1.) of this section may be made under the Principal Act, as amended by this Act, at any time after the commencement of this Act, but any such regulations shall not take effect before the date fixed under the last preceding sub-section.

* Act No. 33, 1947.

† Act No. 8, 1949.