

QUEENSLAND GRANT
(BEEF CATTLE ROADS).

No. 90 of 1961.

An Act to grant Financial Assistance to the State of Queensland for Works in connexion with certain Roads to be used for the transport of Beef Cattle.

[Assented to 27th October, 1961.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, for the purpose of appropriating the grant originated in the House of Representatives, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Queensland Grant (Beef Cattle Roads) Act 1961*. Short title.

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

Definitions.

3. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

“ approved work ” means a work approved by the Treasurer under this Act;

“ the prescribed period ” means the period of five years that commenced on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one;

“ the State ” means the State of Queensland;

“ year ” means financial year.

Approval of works.

4.—(1.) The State may request the Commonwealth to approve, for the purposes of this Act, specified works in connexion with roads to be used for the transport of beef cattle, and the Treasurer may, subject to the next succeeding sub-section, approve any such work on behalf of the Commonwealth.

(2.) The Treasurer shall not approve a work under this section unless he is satisfied that the carrying out of the work is likely to result in a substantial increase in the production of beef and has taken into consideration, in addition to such other matters as he thinks fit, the estimated cost of the work in relation to the estimated increase in the production of beef.

(3.) The construction of a road between Normanton and Julia Creek shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be a work approved by the Treasurer under this section.

Grant of financial assistance.

5.—(1.) Subject to this Act, there are payable to the State, for the purpose of financial assistance, amounts equal to the amounts expended by the State in the prescribed period on approved works.

(2.) The amounts payable to the State in respect of the first One million pounds expended in the prescribed period on the construction of a road between Normanton and Julia Creek shall not exceed, in the aggregate, Six hundred and fifty thousand pounds.

(3.) The amounts payable to the State under this Act shall not exceed, in the aggregate, Five million pounds.

Standards of design and construction.

6. The Treasurer may, for the purposes of this Act, approve standards of design or construction for any approved work and if, after standards so approved have been notified to the State, expenditure is incurred by the State in carrying out that work otherwise than in accordance with those standards, the Treasurer may direct that payments under this Act shall not be made in respect of that expenditure.

7. Payments under section five of this Act shall be made in respect of expenditure by the State in the periods of six months ending on the thirty-first day of December and the thirtieth day of June in each year of the prescribed period, and the State is not entitled to a payment in respect of expenditure in any of those periods unless the State has furnished to the Treasurer, as soon as practicable after the end of the period—

Statements of expenditure.

- (a) a statement, in accordance with a form approved by the Treasurer, giving particulars of that expenditure;
- (b) a certificate by the Auditor-General of the State that the particulars shown in the statement are correct; and
- (c) such other relevant information as the Treasurer requests.

8.—(1.) Amounts expended by the State in respect of which payments are made to the State under this Act shall not be taken into account for the purposes of section six of the *Commonwealth Aid Roads Act 1959*.

Certain expenditure not to be taken into account for purposes of Commonwealth Aid Roads Act.

(2.) Where the State expends in the prescribed period on the construction of a road between Normanton and Julia Creek amounts other than amounts referred to in the last preceding sub-section, the first Three hundred and fifty thousand pounds so expended shall not be taken into account for the purposes of section six of the *Commonwealth Aid Roads Act 1959*.

9.—(1.) The Treasurer may, at such times as he thinks fit, make advances of such amounts as he thinks fit to the State on account of an amount that may become payable under this Act to the State.

Advances.

(2.) Payment of an advance to the State shall be subject to the condition that the State will repay to the Commonwealth, on demand by the Treasurer, the amount by which, at the time of the demand, the total of the payments (including advances) paid to the State under this Act exceeds the total of the amounts that have become payable to the State under section five of this Act.

10. Payments under this Act shall be made out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is appropriated accordingly.

Appropriation.