

“(3.) Where any property has been taken possession of or seized as forfeited under this Act, unless any claimant thereafter enters an action against the Commonwealth within one month for recovery of the property and after due prosecution of the action establishes his claim, the property shall be deemed to be condemned without further proceedings, and may be disposed of as directed by the Minister.

Proof of membership of an association.

“7F. In any prosecution under this Act, proof that the defendant has at any time since the beginning of the present war been a member of an association shall, in the absence of proof to the contrary, be evidence that he has continued to be a member of the association at all times material to the case and proof that the defendant has since the beginning of the war repeatedly—

- (a) attended meetings of the association ; or
- (b) spoken publicly in advocacy of the association ; or
- (c) distributed literature of the association,

shall, in the absence of proof to the contrary, be evidence that he was a member of the association.

Evidence of unlawful intent or purpose.

“7G. Where, in any prosecution under the law of the Commonwealth, any question of unlawful intent or purpose is in issue, the fact that the accused is a member of an unlawful association which practises, advocates or incites to action with that intent or purpose, shall be deemed to be relevant to the issue.

Power to enter premises and seize documents.

“7H. Any person thereto authorized by a Minister of State, or by a prescribed authority, may at any hour of the day or night, with such assistance as he may require, break into and enter any premises or place owned or occupied by an unlawful association, or in which any member of an unlawful association or any property of an unlawful association is believed to be, and seize any articles, books, documents or papers found therein.”

WHEAT STORAGE.

No. 15 of 1917.

An Act relating to Wheat Storage.

[Assented to 27th July, 1917.]

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.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Wheat Storage Act 1917*.

Definition.

2. In this Act, a “silo” means a silo or elevator for the storage of wheat, and includes the necessary machinery connected therewith.

3.—(1.) There shall be a Wheat Storage Commission, in this Act referred to as “the Commission”.

Establishment
of Wheat
Storage
Commission.

(2.) The Commission shall consist of one representative of the Commonwealth and one representative of each of the States in which silos are to be erected.

(3.) The representative of the Commonwealth shall be appointed by the Governor-General, and the representative of each State may be appointed by, or in such manner as is determined by, the Governor in Council of that State.

4. The representative of the Commonwealth shall be *ex-officio* Chairman of the Commission.

Commonwealth
representative
to be *ex-officio*
chairman.
Quorum.

5. Any number not less than half of the members of the Commission shall form a quorum.

6.—(1.) At all meetings of the Commission each of the members present (including the chairman) shall have one vote.

Meetings of the
Commission.

(2.) If the representative of the Commonwealth certifies that, in his opinion, it is undesirable that a proposal, resolution, or determination of the Commission should be proceeded with, carried into effect, or acted upon, the proposal shall not be proceeded with, or the resolution or determination shall thereupon be deemed to be rescinded, as the case may be.

7. Subject to this Act, the Commission may—

Powers of
Commission.

- (a) determine the design of silo to be adopted generally, or the particular design to be adopted in any particular place;
- (b) determine the number of silos to be erected, the places at which they are to be erected, the cost of each silo to be erected, and the cost per bushel to be charged for storing wheat therein;
- (c) arrange with the Governments of the respective States for the construction and erection of silos by, or under the supervision of, the proper authorities of those States.
- (d) arrange with the Governments of the respective States for the erection of such other temporary structures as may be found necessary.

8. For the purpose of facilitating the construction and erection of silos in pursuance of this Act, the Commonwealth may from time to time advance to the States a sum not exceeding in the whole the sum of Two million eight hundred and fifty thousand pounds.

Commonwealth
may advance to
States moneys
for erection of
silos.

9. The amount advanced to each State shall bear interest at such rate, and be repayable in such manner and at such times, as the Governor-General approves.

Interest on and
repayment of
moneys
advanced to
States.

10. The Governor-General may make regulations not inconsistent with this Act prescribing all matters which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Act.

Regulations.