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(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1926.

A BILL

To provide for certain preference being given by the Municipal Council of Sydney to goods, machinery, or materials manufactured or produced in the Commonwealth of Australia or the British Empire ; to amend the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902 ; and for purposes connected therewith.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Sydney Corporation Short title, Amendment (Preference to Australian and Empire Goods) Act, 1926."

2. The Sydney Corporation Act 1902, is amended by inserting next after section two-hundred and three the following new section:—

Amendment of Act No. 35, 1902.
New s. 203A.

203A. (1) In purchasing or obtaining any goods the council shall give effective and substantial preference to goods manufactured or produced in the Commonwealth.

Preference to Australian and British goods.

(2) If goods manufactured or produced in the Commonwealth cannot be purchased or delivered within a reasonable time, or can only be purchased in insufficient quantities, or of a quality unsuitable for the purpose required, the council shall give effective and substantial preference to British goods over foreign goods.

(3) The minimum rates of preference to be given under this section are indicated in the table following:—

Rate of Customs duty to which the goods are liable.	Minimum rate of preference to be given to goods manufactured or produced in the Commonwealth over:—	
	British goods.	Foreign goods.
Duty free	20 per centum ...	30 per centum.
5 per centum ...	15 " " ...	25 " "
10 " " or more	10 " " ...	20 " "

In all cases, subject to the provisions of this Act, goods manufactured or produced in the Commonwealth are to be given preference of at least ten per centum over British goods.

In all cases British goods are to be given preference of at least ten per centum over foreign goods.

(4) In this section—

“British goods” means goods manufactured or produced at any place within the British Empire;

“Commonwealth” means the Commonwealth of Australia;

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“Foreign goods” means goods manufactured or produced at any place outside the British Empire;

“Goods” includes machinery or material.

(5) Any member of the council voting for a motion which to his knowledge authorises any expenditure in contravention of the provisions of this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding *twenty* pounds.

(6) Any complaint for a breach of this section may be laid by any person whomsoever, and the provisions of section two hundred and nine of this Act as to the payment of penalties to the City Fund shall not apply to any penalty imposed for a contravention of this section.
