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An Act to provide for the assistance of primary producers who have suffered loss by drought in the year nineteen hundred and forty-five.

[Assented to 4th April, 1946.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows :

1. This Act may be cited as the "Drought Relief Act, 1946". Short title.

2. (1) Subject to this Act, the Minister of Agriculture may make a grant of money to any primary producer who has suffered loss as a result of drought in the year nineteen hundred and forty-five. Grants to primary producers.

(2) If any arrangements are made between the Governments of the State and of the Commonwealth or between Ministers acting on behalf of those Governments, with respect to such grants or the classes of persons entitled thereto, every such grant shall be made in accordance with these arrangements. If no such arrangements are made, or in cases not provided for in such arrangements the grants shall be made in accordance with any general or special directions given by the Minister of Agriculture.

3. (1) A grant paid under this Act to any person— Protection of grants.
(a) shall not pass to any other person by virtue of any assignment made before payment of the grant ;
(b) shall not be subject to any lien, right of set off or appropriation, or charge, which lien, right, or charge exists or is claimed in respect of any debt incurred before payment of the grant ;

(c) shall not be taken or applied by virtue of any legal process, in or towards satisfaction of any debt incurred before payment of the grant.

(2) In this section "grant" means the whole or any part of a grant.

Financial provision.

4. (1) Every grant under this Act shall in the first instance be paid out of cash in the hands of the Treasurer and shall be debited to a Suspense Account kept at the Treasury.

(2) The cash paid under subsection (1) of this section shall be recouped to the Treasurer out of—

(a) any money received by the State from the Commonwealth for the purpose of paying grants under this Act :

(b) such amounts of the General Revenue of the State as the Treasurer may apply for the purpose of such recoupment.

The amounts specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section shall be credited to the Suspense Account.

Appropriation.

5. This Act, shall be sufficient authority for the Minister of Agriculture and the Treasurer to make any payment of General Revenue mentioned in this Act, and the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds is hereby appropriated for the making of such payments.

Exemption.

6. Stamp duty shall not be payable upon any declaration or other document made or executed by an applicant for assistance under this Act in connection with his application.

Regulations.

7. The Governor may make regulations prescribing the forms of application and the procedure to obtain grants under this Act and any other matters necessary or convenient to be prescribed for the purpose of the administration of this Act, and may by any regulation prescribe fines recoverable summarily and not exceeding fifty pounds for breach of any regulation.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

C. W. M. NORRIE, Governor.