

PEARL FISHERIES.

No. 4 of 1953.

An Act to amend the *Pearl Fisheries Act 1952*.

[Assented to 6th March, 1953.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Pearl Fisheries Act 1953*.

(2.) The *Pearl Fisheries Act 1952** is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Pearl Fisheries Act 1952-1953*.

Short title
and citation.

2. This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by Proclamation. Commencement.

* Act No. 8, 1952.

Definitions.

3. Section five of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from sub-section (1.) the definition of "Australian waters" and inserting in its stead the following definition:—

" 'Australian waters' means—

- (a) Australian waters beyond territorial limits;
- (b) the waters adjacent to a Territory and within territorial limits; and
- (c) the waters adjacent to a Territory, not being part of the Commonwealth, and beyond territorial limits;".

Offences.

4. Section fourteen of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) by omitting from paragraph (e) the word "registered" and inserting in its stead the word "licensed"; and

(b) by adding at the end thereof the following sub-section:—

"(2.) For the purposes of paragraph (e) of the last preceding sub-section, 'diver' does not include a person employed, or carried on board a ship, for the purpose of diving without the aid of mechanical breathing apparatus and not for the purpose of any other diving."

Jurisdiction of courts.

5. Section seventeen of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (3.), after the word "Stipendiary", the word ",Resident".

Validation of Proclamations, &c.

6. All Proclamations, notices and regulations issued, published or made, or purporting to have been issued, published or made, under the Principal Act before the date of commencement of this Act shall, from and including that date, have the same force and effect as if the amendments of the Principal Act effected by this Act had come into operation on the date of commencement of the Principal Act.