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## NOTIFICATION OF THE RECEIPT OF WRITS FOR REFERENDUMS FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF CERTAIN PROPOSED LAWS FOR THE ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

I HEREBY give notice that I have received Writs, issued by His Excellency the Governor-General, in the name of the King, addressed to me and to the Commonwealth Electoral Officers for the several States, commanding me and them to cause the proposed laws for the alteration of the Constitution, entitled as follow:—

- Constitution Alteration (Trade and Commerce) 1912,*
- Constitution Alteration (Corporations) 1912,*
- Constitution Alteration (Industrial Matters) 1912,*
- Constitution Alteration (Railway Disputes) 1912,*
- Constitution Alteration (Trusts) 1912,*
- Constitution Alteration (Nationalization of Monopolies) 1912,*

to be submitted, according to law in each State, to the electors qualified to vote for the election of members of the House of Representatives, and appointing the following dates for the purposes of the said submission:—

- (1) For taking the votes of the electors:—Saturday, the 31st day of May, 1913.
- (2) For the return of the writs:—On or before Thursday, the 31st day of July, 1913.

The proposed laws are as follow:—

### I. TRADE AND COMMERCE.

#### A Proposed Law

To alter Paragraph (i.) of Section Fifty-one of the Constitution.

Be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, with the approval of the electors, as required by the Constitution, as follows:— Preamble.

1. This Act may be cited as *Constitution Alteration (Trade and Commerce) 1912.* Short title.
2. Section fifty-one of the Constitution is altered—
  - (a) by omitting from paragraph (i.) the words "with other countries and among the States"; and Trade and commerce.
  - (b) by adding at the end of paragraph (i.) the words "but not including trade and commerce upon railways the property of a State, except so far as it is trade and commerce with other countries or among the States."

## 2. CORPORATIONS.

## A Proposed Law

To alter Paragraph (xx.) of Section Fifty-one of the Constitution.

Be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, with the approval of the electors, as required by the Constitution, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as *Constitution Alteration (Corporations) 1912.* Short title.  
 2. Section fifty-one of the Constitution is altered by omitting from paragraph (xx.) the words "Foreign corporations, and trading or financial corporations formed within the limits of the Commonwealth," and inserting in their stead the words—

"Corporations, including—

- (a) the creation, dissolution, regulation, and control of corporations;  
 (b) corporations formed under the law of a State, including their dissolution, regulation, and control; but not including municipal or governmental corporations, or any corporation formed solely for religious, charitable, scientific, or artistic purposes, and not for the acquisition of gain by the corporation or its members; and  
 (c) foreign corporations, including their regulation and control."

## 3. INDUSTRIAL MATTERS.

## A Proposed Law

To alter Paragraph (xxxv.) of Section Fifty-one of the Constitution.

Be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, with the approval of the electors, as required by the Constitution, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as *Constitution Alteration (Industrial Matters) 1912.* Short title.  
 2. Section fifty-one of the Constitution is altered by omitting from paragraph (xxxv.) the words "Conciliation and arbitration for the prevention and settlement of industrial disputes extending beyond the limits of any one State," and inserting in their stead the words—

"Labour, and employment, and unemployment, including—

- (a) the terms and conditions of labour and employment in any trade, industry, occupation, or calling;  
 (b) the rights and obligations of employers and employes;  
 (c) strikes and lockouts;  
 (d) the maintenance of industrial peace; and  
 (e) the settlement of industrial disputes."

## 4. RAILWAY DISPUTES.

## A Proposed Law

To alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make laws with respect to Industrial Disputes in relation to Employment in State Railway Services.

Be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, with the approval of the electors, as required by the Constitution, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as *Constitution Alteration (Railway Disputes) 1912.* Short title.  
 2. Section fifty-one of the Constitution is altered by inserting after paragraph (xxxv.) the following paragraph:—

"(xxxv.A.) Conciliation and arbitration for prevention and settlement of industrial disputes in relation to employment in the railway service of a State."

## 5. TRUSTS.

## A Proposed Law

To alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws with respect to Trusts, Combinations, and Monopolies.

Be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, with the approval of the electors, as required by the Constitution, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as *Constitution Alteration (Trusts) 1912.* Short title.  
 2. Section fifty-one of the Constitution is altered by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:—

"xl. Trusts, combinations, and monopolies in relation to the production, manufacture, or supply of goods, or the supply of services."

## 6. NATIONALIZATION OF MONOPOLIES.

## A Proposed Law

To alter the Constitution by empowering the Parliament to make Laws with respect to Industries and Businesses declared to be subject of a monopoly.

Be it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, with the approval of the electors, as required by the Constitution, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as *Constitution Alteration (Nationalization of Monopolies) 1912.* Short title
2. The Constitution is altered by inserting, after section fifty-one thereof, the following section:— Nationalization of monopolies.

“ 51A.—(1) When each House of the Parliament, in the same session, has by resolution, passed by an absolute majority of its members, declared that the industry or business of producing, manufacturing, or supplying any specified services, is the subject of a monopoly, the Parliament shall have power to make laws for carrying on the industry or business by or under the control of the Commonwealth, and acquiring for that purpose on just terms any property used in connexion with the industry or business.

- (2) This section shall not apply to any industry or business conducted or carried on by the Government of a State or any public authority constituted under a State.”

Dated the 24th day of April, 1913.

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