

# Statute of Westminster Adoption Act 1942

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An Act to remove Doubts as to the validity of certain Commonwealth Legislation, to obviate Delays occurring in its Passage, and to effect certain related purposes, by adopting certain Sections of the Statute of Westminster, 1931, as from the Commencement of the War between His Majesty the King and Germany.

**WHEREAS** certain legal difficulties exist which have created doubts and caused delays in relation to certain Commonwealth legislation, and to certain regulations made thereunder, particularly in relation to the legislation enacted, and regulations made, for securing the public safety and defence of the Commonwealth of Australia, and for the more effectual prosecution of the war in which His Majesty the King is engaged:

**AND WHEREAS** those legal difficulties will be removed by the adoption by the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia of sections two, three, four, five and six of the Statute of Westminster, 1931, and by making such adoption have effect as from the commencement of the war between His Majesty the King and Germany:

**BE** it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:-

## **1 Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Statute of Westminster Adoption Act 1942.\*

## **2 Commencement**

This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.\*

## **3 Adoption of Statute of Westminster 1931**

Sections two, three, four, five and six of the Imperial Act entitled the Statute of Westminster, 1931 (which Act is set out in the Schedule to this Act) are adopted and the adoption shall have effect from the third day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

## **THE SCHEDULE**

### Section 3

The Schedule to this Act sets out the *Statute of Westminster 1931* (UK). For the convenience of readers of this, the *Statute of Westminster* is set out separately in the previous chapter.