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An Act to amend the Royal Commissions Act, 1917.

[Assented to 27th November, 1980]

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

Short titles.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Royal Commissions Act Amendment Act, 1980".

(2) The Royal Commissions Act, 1917, is in this Act referred to as "the principal Act".

(3) The principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the "Royal Commissions Act, 1917-1980".

Insertion
of new
s. 16a.

Orders
in relation
to evidence
etc.

3. The following section is inserted after section 16 of the principal Act:

16a. (1) Where the Commission considers it desirable to exercise powers conferred by this section in the public interest, or in order to prevent undue prejudice or undue hardship to any person, it may, by order—

(a) direct that any persons specified (by name or otherwise) absent themselves from the place in which the commission is conducting its inquiry during the whole or a specified part of the proceedings;

(b) forbid the publication of specified evidence, or of any account or report of specified evidence, either absolutely or subject to conditions determined by the commission;

or

(c) forbid the publication of the name of—

(i) a witness before the commission;

or

(ii) a person alluded to in the course of the inquiry,

and of any other material tending to identify any such witness or person.

(2) The commission may vary or revoke an order under this section.

(3) A person who contravenes, or fails to comply with, an order under this section shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty not exceeding two thousand dollars or imprisonment for six months.

(4) This section applies only in relation to the Royal Commission to Inquire into and Report upon Allegations in relation to Prisons under the Charge, Care and Direction of the Director of the Department of Correctional Services and certain related matters.

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

K. D. SEAMAN, Governor