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PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

EMERGENCY POWERS TO HAVE EFFECT.

WHEREAS by section 33 of the *Gas Regulation Act 1933*, it is amongst other things enacted that whenever it appears to the Governor in Council that from any cause the available supply of gas is or is likely to become less than is sufficient for the reasonable requirements of the community, the Governor in Council may from time to time exercise all or any of the powers conferred on him by or under the said section and may from time to time by Proclamation declare that on and after the date of the publication of such Proclamation, or a later date specified therein, the provisions of section 33 of the said Act shall have effect: And whereas the Ballarat Gas Company has reported to the Chief Secretary that the coal allotted to it is unsuitable for the making of gas in the quantity required: And whereas as a consequence of such cause it appears to the Governor in Council that the available supply of gas is less than is sufficient for the reasonable requirements of the community in the area supplied by the said company: Now therefore I, the Governor of the State of Victoria, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, and in pursuance of the powers conferred by section 33 of the said Act, do by this my Proclamation declare that on and after the date of the publication of this my Proclamation in the *Government Gazette* the provisions of section 33 of the *Gas Regulation Act 1933* shall have effect.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this twenty-eighth day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and fifty, and in the fourteenth year of the reign of His Majesty King George VI.

(L.S.)

DALLAS BROOKS.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. WATT LEGGATT,  
Chief Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

3200/50.

At the Executive Council Chamber, Melbourne, the twenty-eighth day of March, 1950.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.  
Lieut.-Col. Leggatt | Mr. Guthrie.  
Mr. McDonald |

REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS by a Proclamation dated the twenty-eighth day of March, 1950, His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, declared that on and after the date of the publication in the *Government Gazette* of such proclamation the provisions of section 33 of the *Gas Regulation Act 1933* should have effect: And whereas the said Proclamation was published in the *Government Gazette* of the twenty-eighth day of March, 1950: Now therefore His Excellency the Governor of the said State, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, and in pursuance of the powers conferred by section 33 of the said Act, doth hereby make the following Regulations (that is to say):—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the "Gas Regulation (Emergency Powers) Regulations (No. 69)", and shall apply to and have operation throughout the area supplied with gas by the Ballarat Gas Company.

2. In these Regulations—

"Gas" means gas supplied by a Gas Undertaker pursuant to the provisions of the *Gas Regulation Act 1933*.

"Gas Undertaker" shall have the same meaning as "Undertaker" as defined by the *Gas Regulation Act 1933*.

3. No person shall use gas for any purpose whatsoever on any day of any week except between the hours hereinafter specified:—

- (i) 6.30 a.m. and 7.30 a.m.
- (ii) 11 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.
- (iii) 5.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.

4. The restrictions contained in Regulation 3 shall not apply to persons using gas in connexion with the conduct of hospitals, medical services or institutions rendering relief to the aged or infirm, or to persons using gas for pilot lights or by-pass flames on automatic appliances.

5. During the operation of these Regulations and notwithstanding anything contained in the *Gas Regulation Act 1933*, one testing of gas on any day at any testing place shall be deemed to be a complete testing of the calorific value of the gas supplied at that testing place on that day.

6. It shall be lawful for any inspector or other person upon producing an authority issued to him by the Gas Undertaker referred to in Regulation 1 hereof to enter any premises to which gas is supplied by such Gas Undertaker for the purpose of determining whether the provisions of these Regulations are being observed.

7. No person shall obstruct any such inspector or other person in the course of his duties.

8. The Gas Undertaker shall not, except during the hours referred to in Regulation 3 hereof, be required to supply gas in any main or in any pipe of the pressure prescribed by the *Gas Regulation Act 1933*.

9. Any person who offends against these Regulations shall be liable to a penalty of not more than Fifty pounds (£50), and in the case of a continuing offence a further penalty of not more than Five pounds (£5) for each day on which any offence is continued after conviction or order of any court.

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And the Honorable William Watt Leggatt, His Majesty's Chief Secretary for the State of Victoria, shall give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

A. G. COULTHARD,  
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.