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COMMONWEALTH NATIONAL SECURITY (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDER (VICTORIA) No. 2.

STATE OF VICTORIA.

ORDER No. 32.

WHEREAS by Regulation 35A of the Commonwealth National Security (General) Regulations it is provided that the Premier of any State may after consultation with the Minister of State for Home Security or an officer of the Department of Home Security authorized by that Minister to act on his behalf and with the Commandant of a Military District or an officer authorized by the Minister of State for Defence Co-ordination or the Minister of State for the Army to act on behalf of such Commandant, by Order—

- (a) direct any total or partial "blackout", and may prohibit or regulate the display of lights of any description within the State; and
- (b) make such provision as he deems necessary to protect the persons and property of the civil population in that State or any part thereof in case of emergency,

and that all persons within such State or area (as the case may be) to which such Order applies shall comply with the requirements of that Order:

Now therefore I, Albert Arthur Dunstan, Premier of the State of Victoria, having duly held such consultations, do hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the State Emergency Services Order (Victoria) No. 2.

2. Clause 2 of the State Emergency Services Order (Victoria) is amended by inserting after the definition "Chief Secretary", the following:—

" 'Commonwealth Officer' means any person holding office under the Commonwealth and includes any person permanently or temporarily employed in the Public Service of the Commonwealth or in, or in connection with a Defence Force or in the Service of any Authority or body constituted by or under any Commonwealth Act."

Amendments. 3. Clause 42 of the State Emergency Services Order (Victoria) is amended by omitting sub-clause (2) thereof and inserting in its stead the following sub-clauses:—

- “(2) Any such person upon objecting to taking such oath, and stating as the ground of such objection either that he has no religious belief or that the taking of an oath is contrary to his religious belief, shall be permitted to make his solemn affirmation instead of taking such oath, and such affirmation shall be of the same force and effect as if he had taken the oath.
- (3) Such oath or affirmation shall be administered by a Justice of the Peace, and shall in all cases be subscribed by the person taking the same, and when so taken and subscribed shall be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner.”

Amendments. 4. The State Emergency Services Order (Victoria) is amended as follows:—

- (a) By inserting in sub-division 5 of Division 5 of Part II. after clause 99 thereof the following clause:—

**Exemption
of certain
buildings.**

“99A. Nothing in this sub-division shall apply to any building which is occupied by the Crown in the right of the Commonwealth or in the right of the State of Victoria or to any building occupied by the Naval, Military or Air Forces of His Majesty or of the Commonwealth or of any Power allied or associated with His Majesty in any war in which His Majesty is engaged.”

- (b) By omitting clause 106 thereof and inserting in its stead the following clause:—

**Divulging
information.**

“103. Subject to and to the exercise of powers under Regulation 71 of the National Security (General) Regulations and under the National Security (Inquiries) Regulations, no member of the State Emergency Services shall divulge any information or any knowledge which he has derived in the course of his duties as such member otherwise than in the course of his duties: Provided that he shall supply any such information if so required by any Commonwealth Officer acting in the course of his duties.”

A. A. DUNSTAN,

Premier of Victoria.

Dated this 13th day of May, 1942.

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