**HIDE, SKIN AND WOOL DEALERS ACT REPEAL BILL 1988**

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**Second reading**

Received from the House of Assembly and read a first time.

**The Hon. BARBARA WIESE (Minister of Tourism):** I move: That this Bill be now read a second time.

I seek leave to have the second reading explanation inserted in Hansard without my reading it.

Leave granted.

**Explanation of Bill**

This legislation was introduced in 1915 with the aim of reducing the illegal disposal of hides, skins and wool, by increasing the detection of stock theft. The Act has provided for the licensing of all persons operating as dealers under the Act and the necessity of those persons to maintain accurate records of all purchases and sales. The Chief Inspector of Stock under the Stock Diseases Act 1934 has been responsible only for registrations and renewals.

The department has had no further active involvement under the legislation in the investigation of suspected thefts, apart from providing registrant information. Monitoring of compliance and investigations into possible thefts under the Act has mainly been carried out by the police Stock Squad, which has now been disbanded. Thefts of stock and their by-products can be investigated through powers under other legislation.

The commercial organisations concerned with sales of hides, skins and wool have been consulted and have raised no objections to the repeal of the Act. The police and the United Farmers and Stockowners Association of South Australia Inc., when consulted showed no or minimal interest. The Government Adviser on Deregulation supports the repeal of the Act.

Clause 1 is formal.

Clause 2 repeals the Hide, Skin and Wool Dealers Act 1915.

**The Hon. M.B. CAMERON (Leader of the Opposition):**

The Opposition supports this Bill.

Bill read a second time and taken through its remaining stages.