**LOCAL PUBLIC ABATTOIRS ACT REPEAL BILL 1988**

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**Second reading.**

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**

The purpose of this Bill is to repeal the Local Public Abattoirs Act 1911. Prior to the enactment of the Meat Hygiene Act 1980, it was the practice of local government to own and operate service abattoirs for local farmers and butchers. At one time or another Whyalla, Port Augusta, Port Pirie and Port MacDonnell operated such abattoirs. In order to do this, they needed a legislative framework, hence the Local Public Abattoirs Act 1911, formerly known as the Abattoirs Act.

Following the report of the Joint Committee on Meat Hygiene legislation, the Meat Hygiene Act was enacted in 1980. As a result of this Act, the Local Public Abattoirs Act was no longer needed and many provisions of the Act were repealed at the same time as certain provisions of the Meat Hygiene Act were brought into operation.

However, before all sections of the Meat Hygiene Act could be brought into operation, it was necessary to prepare regulations dealing with the licensing, construction and hygiene of abattoirs. While this was being done, parts of the Local Public Abattoirs Act had to be kept in force.

In February 1981, the meat hygiene regulations and all sections of the Meat Hygiene Act were brought into operation. On this event the Local Public Abattoirs Act and its regulations became redundant. By that time only one abattoir board, Port Pirie, was left. Shortly afterwards the abattoir was sold to the lessee.

There are now no abattoirs run by local government, but even if in the future local government should seek to re-enter the abattoir business no specific legislation would be required. The Local Public Abattoirs Act 1911 has served its purpose and should be repealed.

Clause 1 is formal.

Clause 2 repeals the Local Public Abattoirs Act 1911.

The Hon. PETER DUNN secured the adjournment of the debate.