

RED CROSS WAR CHEST FARM COLONY TRANSFER ACT.

Act No. 5, 1924.

AN Act to authorise and enable the New South Wales Division of the Australian Red Cross Society to transfer to His Majesty a certain farm at Beelbangera, known as the Red Cross War Chest Farm Colony, together with the stock and buildings thereon ; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 16th September, 1924.]

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WHEREAS the Citizens War Chest Fund having at its disposal certain funds raised by public subscription to meet any emergency arising from the late Great War transferred to the New South Wales Division of the Australian Red Cross Society a sum of twenty thousand pounds to found and equip a farm colony at Beelbangera to be known as the Red Cross War Chest Farm Colony for the training of certain returned sailors and soldiers who after treatment in the homes controlled by the said division of the Red Cross Society were medically certified as arrested tubercular cases : And whereas out of the said sum and out of further sums subscribed for Red Cross purposes the said farm colony was established and carried on by the said division of the Red Cross Society until such cases became so few in number that the further carrying on of the farm colony became in the opinion of the executive committee of the said division of the Red Cross Society no longer necessary : And whereas the said executive committee are desirous that the farm colony should be handed over as a going concern to His Majesty's Government of the State of New South Wales for training purposes in connection with the Murrumbidgee irrigation area, or such other purposes as to the Governor may seem fit, and that the Society should be relieved

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Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as the "Red Cross War Chest Farm Colony Transfer Act, 1924."

Authority to transfer. **2.** The New South Wales Division of the Australian Red Cross Society are hereby authorised and empowered to transfer to His Majesty, or to such other person or body as the Governor may appoint, the lands comprised in the Schedule to this Act and all the buildings thereon for all the estate and interest for which the said division hold the same, and to hand over all stock, implements, and plant used in connection with the said Red Cross War Chest Farm Colony to the Department of Agriculture.

Indemnity. **3.** (1) The said New South Wales Division of the Australian Red Cross Society and the executive committee thereof and all its members are by this Act indemnified and held harmless from any manner of suit, action, or proceeding in relation to the said transfer and handing over, or in any way arising thereout, and also from any obligation to the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission accrued or to accrue in respect of rent, water rates, or otherwise howsoever.

(2) Any such obligation shall be discharged by vote or votes from the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Future disposal. **4.** The lands so transferred shall be held for such purposes in connection with the Department of Agriculture as the Governor may appoint, subject, however, to the rents, terms, and conditions upon which the said lands were held by the said division of the Red Cross Society.

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ALL that piece or parcel of land containing about 110 acres, more or less, situate in the County of Cooper, Parish of Wyangan, and being portion 57 of the said parish and shown on plan C. 4,418-1,804. And also all that piece or parcel of land containing about 456 acres or thereabouts situate in the same county and parish, being parts of portions 52, 53, and 54, and the land between portions 54 and 57, west of the irrigation channel, and being the land comprised in and delineated on a plan attached to an indenture of lease of the 15th day of October, 1921, between the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission and the New South Wales Division of the Australian Red Cross Society, which said parcels of land have been heretofore occupied, used, and known as the Red Cross War Chest Farm Colony, Beelbangera.