

**MINE SUBSIDENCE COMPENSATION (AMEND-
MENT) ACT.**

New South Wales



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Act No. 31, 1967.

An Act to make further provision for and in respect of a scheme for the payment of compensation where improvements on the surface are damaged by subsidence following the extraction of coal or shale; to extend that scheme to damage caused by certain prospecting for coal or shale; to amend the Mine Subsidence Compensation Act, 1961, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 30th March, 1967.]

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BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by **No. 31, 1967**
and with the advice and consent of the Legislative
Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in
Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as
follows :—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the "Mine Subsidence Compensation (Amendment) Act, 1967". Short title and citation.

(2) The Mine Subsidence Compensation Act, 1961, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Mine Subsidence Compensation Act, 1961–1967.

2. (1) The Mine Subsidence Compensation Act, 1961, Amendment of Act No. 22, 1961.
as amended by subsequent Acts, is amended—

(a) by inserting in section four next after the definition Sec. 4.
of "Subdivide" and "subdivision" the following (Compensation.)
new definition :—

"Subsidence" means subsidence due to—

(a) the extraction of coal or shale; or

(b) the prospecting for coal or shale carried out within a colliery holding by the proprietor thereof.

(b) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection three Sec. 10.
of section ten the words "due to the extraction of (Mine Subsidence Compensation Fund.)
coal or shale";

(c) by omitting from section twelve the words "due to Sec. 12.
the extraction of coal or shale" wherever occurring; (Claims for damage arising out of subsidence.)

(d) by omitting from section thirteen the words "due Sec. 13.
to the extraction of coal or shale" wherever (Purchase of damaged improvements and effecting of remedial works by Board.)
occurring;

(e)

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Sec. 14.
 (Liability of proprietors of colliery holdings.)
- (e) by omitting from section fourteen the words "due to the extraction of coal or shale";
- Sec. 15.**
 (Mine Subsidence Districts.)
- (f) by omitting from paragraph (b) of subsection five of section fifteen the words "due to the extraction of coal or shale";
- Sec. 16.**
 (Powers of members and officers.)
- (g) by omitting from subsection one of section sixteen the words "due to the extraction of coal or shale".

(2) The amendments made by subsection one of this section shall be deemed to have commenced upon the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-six.

Further amendment of Act No. 22, 1961.

3. The Mine Subsidence Compensation Act, 1961, as amended by subsequent Acts, is further amended—

Sec. 7A.
 (Board may reconsider matters.)

- (a) (i) by omitting from section 7A the words "in writing of the person in respect of whose claim or application the decision was given" and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "in writing—
- (a) where the decision was that a payment be made under section twelve of this Act, of the person in respect of whose claim the decision was made; or
- (b) where the decision was that—
- (i) the Board's approval be granted (whether with or without conditions) under section fifteen of this Act;
- (ii) the Board issue a certificate under subsection (1A) of section 15A of this Act stating that the Board approves of the
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the erection or alteration of an improvement or of the subdivision of any land (whether with or without conditions);
or

(iii) the Board issue a certificate under section 15B of this Act, of the person in respect of whose application the decision was made or of a person having an estate or interest in the land to which the approval or the certificate, as the case may require, relates”;

(ii) by inserting at the end of the same section the following new subsection :—

(2) Where a decision has been made under section fifteen, 15A or 15B of this Act in respect of an application in relation to any land, nothing in this section affects the subsequent making of a decision in respect of another application under any of those sections in relation to the same land.

- (b) by omitting from subsection eight of section ten the words “works or amenities upon lands which” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “such works or amenities, upon such lands, as the Minister may approve, whether or not such lands”;
- (c) by inserting in subsection one of section twelve after the words “complied with” the words “, or, where such conditions have not been or are not being so complied with, unless the Board is satisfied that any departure from or contravention of such conditions is such that it need not be rectified”;
- (d) by omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection one of section thirteen the words “the valuation determined, as at a date not more than one month before the date of the agreement, under the Valuation of Land Act, 1916, as amended by subsequent Acts,

Sec. 10.
(Mine Subsidence Compensation Fund.)

Sec. 12.
(Claims for damage arising out of subsidence.)

Sec. 13.
(Purchase of damaged improvements and effecting of remedial works by Board.)

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or the Local Government Act, 1919, as amended by subsequent Acts," and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "an amount determined, as at a date not more than one month before the date of the agreement, as being the value of the improvements and the land, by a valuer with the prescribed qualifications who shall be appointed by the Board to make the valuation (which appointment the Board is hereby authorised to make),";

Sec. 15.
(Mine
Subsidence
Districts.)

(e) (i) by inserting next after subsection (2A) of section fifteen the following new subsection :—

(2B) The Board may require any applicant for approval under this section to furnish such particulars as it may specify in a notice sent to the applicant.

(ii) by inserting next after subsection three of the same section the following new subsection :—

(3A) Any approval given under the foregoing provisions of this section shall be void if the erection, alteration or subdivision to which it refers is not substantially commenced within twelve months after the date of the approval :

Provided that the Board may if good cause be shown grant an extension or renewal of such approval.

(iii) by inserting next after subsection eight of the same section the following new subsection :—

(9) Proceedings for an offence under this section shall not be commenced except with the consent of the Board.

A certificate purporting to be signed by the chairman of the Board and certifying that the Board has given its consent to the commencement of any such proceedings referred to in the certificate shall be evidence that the Board has so consented.

(f)

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- (f) (i) by omitting subsection one of section 15A and by inserting in lieu thereof the following subsections :—
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Sec. 15A.
(Certificates of approval.)

(1) Any person may apply to the Board for a certificate under this subsection stating whether or not on a date to be specified in the certificate any land specified in the application is wholly or partly in a mine subsidence district, and where any land is partly but not wholly in such a district, stating what portion of the land is in such a district.

(1A) Such person may, when applying for a certificate under subsection one of this section or subsequently, apply to the Board for a certificate under this subsection stating, in respect of any land specified in the certificate that is in such a district, whether or not the Board approves of the erection or alteration of any improvement referred to in the application under this subsection, or of the subdivision of the land, and, if it so approves, whether it so approves either unconditionally or subject to conditions to be specified in the certificate.

- (ii) by omitting from subsection two of the same section the words “the particulars” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “, where application is made for a certificate under subsection (1A) of this section, particulars”;
- (iii) by omitting from subsection four of the same section the words “under this section” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “under subsection (1A) of this section”;
- (iv) by omitting from the same subsection the words “land, the certificate shall be in force for such period as may be specified therein
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and the erection” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “land—

- (a) the certificate shall be in force for such period as may be specified therein;
- (b) the production of the certificate shall for all purposes be deemed conclusive evidence in favour of a person having an estate or interest in the land that the Board, during that period, so approves;
- (c) the erection”;

Sec. 15B.
(Certificates
of com-
pliance.)

- (g) by omitting from subsection four of section 15B the words “bona fide purchaser for value” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “a person having an estate or interest in the land”.
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