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Assented to

[Elizabeth R]
[February 14\textsuperscript{th} 1954]
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BE it enacted by the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Flags Act 1953. Short title.

2. This Act extends to all the Territories of the Commonwealth. Extension to Territories.

3. The flag described in the First Schedule to this Act, being the flag a reproduction of which is set out in Part I. of the Second Schedule to this Act, is declared to be the Australian National Flag. The Australian National Flag.

4.—(1.) The flag which is declared by section four hundred and six of the Navigation Act 1912–1953 to be the proper colours for merchant ships registered in Australia, being the flag a reproduction of which is set out in Part II. of the Second Schedule to this Act, shall be known as the Australian Red Ensign. The Australian Red Ensign.

(2.) The descriptions and positions of the stars which form part of the design of the Australian Red Ensign shall be the same as the descriptions and positions of those stars as forming part of the design of the Australian National Flag.

5. The Governor-General may, by Proclamation, appoint such other flags and ensigns of Australia as he thinks fit. Other flags.

6. The Governor-General may, by warrant, authorize a person, body or authority to use a flag or ensign referred to in, or appointed under, this Act, either without defacement or defaced in the manner specified in the warrant. Warrants to use flags.

7. The Governor-General may make, and cause to be published, rules for the guidance of persons in connexion with the flying or use of flags referred to in, or appointed under, this Act. Rules as to use of flags.

8. This Act does not affect the right or privilege of a person to fly the Union Jack. Flying of Union Jack.

THE
FIRST SCHEDULE  
THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FLAG.

1. The Australian National Flag is the British Blue Ensign, consisting of a blue flag with the Union Jack occupying the upper quarter next the staff, differenced by a large white star (representing the six States of Australia and the Territories of the Commonwealth) in the centre of the lower quarter next the staff and pointing direct to the centre of the St. George’s Cross in the Union Jack and five white stars, representing the Southern Cross, in the fly, or half of the flag further from the staff. The descriptions and positions of the stars are in accordance with the following tables:

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<td>Position of Centre.</td>
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<td>On middle line (parallel with the hoist edge of flag) of Union Jack (produced), one-quarter width of flag from bottom edge of flag</td>
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2. In Table A and Table B, “width of flag” means the measurement of the hoist edge of the flag.

3. In Table B, “middle line” means a straight line, parallel with the hoist edge of the flag, and dividing the fly into two equal parts.
SECOND SCHEDULE

PART I.

[Graphic of Australian National Flag]

PART II.

[Graphic of Australian Red Ensign]

By Authority: L. F. JOHNSTON, Commonwealth Government Printer, Canberra.

[I reserve this Act for Her Majesty’s pleasure]

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above is a fair print of the Bill intituled “An Act to declare a certain Flag to be the Australian National Flag and to make other provision with respect to Flags,” which has been passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives, and that the said Bill originated in the House of Representatives.

[signed F. C. Green]

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I assent to this Act.

[signed - W. J. Slim]

Governor-General.