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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

GEORGE V., by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India

To our trusty and well-beloved SIR GEORGE A. SYME, K.B.E., M.B., M.S., F.R.C.S. (England), FRANK S. HONE, B.A., M.B., B.S., ROBERT HENRY TODD, B.A. (Oxon.), M.D., B.Ch., F.R.C.S. (L.), D.S.M., Barrister-at-Law, JANE STOCKS GRING, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.; The Hon S R INNES-NOAD, M.L.C.

GREETING

KNOW YE that We do by these our Letters Patent, issued in our names by our Governor-General of our Commonwealth of Australia, and in pursuance of the Constitution of our said Commonwealth, the *Royal Commissions Act 1902-1912*, and all other powers him thereunto enabling, appoint you to be Commissioners to inquire into and report upon public health as a matter for legislation and administration by the Commonwealth, in conjunction with the States where necessary, and more particularly with respect to—

- (a) the co ordination of Medical Services of Commonwealth Departments in regard to all matters affecting public health,
- (b) the co operation of Commonwealth and State health authorities,
- (c) the prevention of the outbreak, development, or spread of disease in the Commonwealth,
- (d) the prevention of venereal disease and the exercise of control over, and the treatment of, persons suffering from venereal disease,
- (e) uniform legislation with regard to purity of food and drugs,
- (f) maternity hygiene and child welfare,
- (g) industrial hygiene;
- (h) the encouragement and development of research work,
- (i) the relationship which should exist between public health authorities and medical practitioners in regard to the prevention of disease,
- (j) the relationship which should exist between public health authorities and other public authorities rendering medical services, and
- (k) the publication of information relating to matters concerning public health

AND We appoint you the said Sir George A. Syme to be the Chairman of the said Commissioners

AND We direct that, for the purpose of taking evidence, three Commissioners shall be sufficient to constitute a quorum, and may proceed with the inquiry under these our Letters Patent

AND We require you with as little delay as possible to report to our Governor-General of our said Commonwealth the result of your inquiries into the matters entrusted to you by these our Letters Patent

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these our Letters to be made patent and the seal of our said Commonwealth to be thereunto affixed

WITNESS Our right trusty and well-beloved HENRY WILLIAM BARON FORSTER, a Member of Our Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia, this 7th day of January, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and in the fifteenth year of Our reign.

FORSTER,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,
W. C. HILL,
for Prime Minister

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