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ELIZABETHAE SECUNDAE REGINAE

No. 10 of 1970

An Act to Declare the meaning of the expression “British subject” and of like expressions consequent upon the passing of the Citizenship Act 1969 of the Commonwealth and to Amend The Acts Interpretation Acts 1954 to 1962 in certain particulars and for other purposes

[ASSENTED TO 13TH APRIL, 1970]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. Short title and commencement. (1) This Act may be cited as the *British Subject (Interpretation) Act 1970*.

(2) This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Governor in Council by Proclamation published in the Gazette.

2. Interpretation. In this Act unless the contrary intention appears—

“Commonwealth Act” means the *Citizenship Act 1948–1969* of the Commonwealth and any Act of the Commonwealth amending or in substitution for that Act;

“law of Queensland” means—

- (a) any Act, and any other statutory enactment, other than an enactment of the Commonwealth, in force in Queensland;
- (b) any instrument (including regulations, rules, by-laws and ordinances) having effect by virtue of a law of Queensland as defined in paragraph (a) aforesaid;
- (c) any instrument having effect by virtue of any such regulation, rule, by-law or ordinance;

“reference to a prescribed expression” means a reference to—

- (a) a British subject;
- (b) a subject of Her Majesty;
- (c) a natural born or naturalized British subject or subject of Her Majesty;
- (d) a like expression.

3. Amendments to Acts Interpretation Acts. (1) *The Acts Interpretation Acts 1954 to 1962* are amended by—

- (a) in section 36, omitting the definition “alien”, the definition “Australian citizen” and the definition “British subject”;
- (b) repealing section 52.

(2) *The Acts Interpretation Acts 1954 to 1962* as amended by this Act may be cited as the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954–1970*.

4. Effect of Acts in relation to Irish citizens. All Acts in force on the twenty-sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine shall continue to have effect in relation to Irish citizens who have not the status of a British subject in like manner as they have effect in relation to persons who have the status of a British subject.

5. Construction of reference to prescribed expression in law of Queensland. A reference to a prescribed expression in a law of Queensland shall be read as a reference to an Australian citizen and to any other person who, under the Commonwealth Act, has the status of a British subject or the status of a British subject without citizenship.

6. Meaning of expressions. In a law of Queensland—

- (a) the expression “a person who has the status of a British subject” means an Australian citizen and any other person who, under the Commonwealth Act, has the status of a British subject or the status of a British subject without citizenship;

- (b) the expression “a person who has the status of a British subject without citizenship” means a person who, under the Commonwealth Act, is thus properly described;
- (c) the term “alien” means a person who, under the Commonwealth Act, is an alien;
- (d) the expression “Australian citizen” means a person who, under the Commonwealth Act, is an Australian citizen.