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*(Brought in by the Treasurer, the Honourable Eric Abetz)*

**A BILL FOR**

**An Act to enable the issue of one or more titles under the  
*Land Titles Act 1980* for Crown land situated at 21 Murray  
Street, Hobart, and for related purposes**

Be it enacted by Her Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by  
and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and  
House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Crown Lands  
(Treasury Complex) Act 2026*.

**2. Commencement**

This Act commences on the day on which this  
Act receives the Royal Assent.

**3. Interpretation**

In this Act, unless the contrary appears –

*commencement day* means the day on which  
this Act commences;

*Crown land* has the same meaning as in the  
*Crown Lands Act 1976*;

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***direct*** means direct in writing;

***Director-General of Lands*** has the same meaning as in the *Crown Lands Act 1976*;

***limitation***, in relation to land, means any trust, reservation, restriction, exception, encumbrance, limitation, estate or interest in or in relation to the land, however created or imposed;

***Minister*** means the Minister administering the *Crown Lands Act 1976*;

***Recorder of Titles*** means the person appointed as Recorder of Titles under section 4 of the *Land Titles Act 1980*;

***Register*** means the register of title kept under section 33 of the *Land Titles Act 1980*;

***Treasury Complex site*** has the meaning given by section 4.

**4. Treasury Complex site**

- (1) The Treasury Complex site comprises all that area of land of about 5 689 square metres shown as Lot 1, and bounded by a heavy black line, on Plan 11660 in the Central Plan Register.
- (2) A reduced copy of the plan referred to in subsection (1) is set out, by way of illustration only, in Schedule 1.

**5. Treasury Complex site vested in Crown**

Any land within the Treasury Complex site that, immediately before the commencement day, is not Crown land vests in the Crown on that day.

**6. Treasury Complex site free from limitations**

- (1) All land within the Treasury Complex site is taken to be unalienated Crown land on and from the commencement day until the land is disposed of under the *Crown Lands Act 1976* or any other Act or law of Tasmania.
- (2) On the commencement day, all land within the Treasury Complex site is freed and discharged from all limitations except as otherwise determined by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*.
- (3) On the commencement day, all public and private rights and interests in any land within the Treasury Complex site are extinguished except as otherwise determined by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*.
- (4) A notice under subsection (2) or (3) –
  - (a) is taken to have taken effect on the commencement day; and
  - (b) is not a statutory rule for the purposes of the *Rules Publication Act 1953*.

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**7. Crown may create title**

- (1) The Minister and the Director-General of Lands may do all things necessary or convenient for the purposes of creating titles under the *Land Titles Act 1980* to land within the Treasury Complex site, including titles to areas of land above or below the surface of land.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), applications may be made to the Recorder of Titles under section 27A of the *Land Titles Act 1980* in relation to land within the Treasury Complex site.
- (3) The Minister may direct that the Recorder of Titles re-arrange or extinguish any folio of the Register relating to any land within the Treasury Complex site.
- (4) On receipt of a direction under subsection (3), the Recorder of Titles is to re-arrange or extinguish a folio of the Register as the Recorder of Titles considers appropriate.
- (5) Any variation or change made under this section does not constitute a subdivision within the meaning of the *Local Government (Building and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1993*.

**8. Creation of easements**

- (1) The Minister may create any easements the Minister considers to be appropriate in relation to the Treasury Complex site.

- (2) Without limiting the power of the Minister under subsection (1), the Minister may create easements for the purposes of –
  - (a) access to the Treasury Complex site; and
  - (b) infrastructure and services at, on, under or over the Treasury Complex site.
- (3) The Minister may direct the Recorder of Titles to record, on the folio of the Register relating to land which is the subject of the easement, an easement created under this section.
- (4) On receiving a direction under subsection (3), the Recorder of Titles is to record the easement, as the Recorder of Titles considers appropriate, on the relevant folio of the Register.

**9. Covenants and agreements affecting Treasury Complex site**

- (1) The Minister may enter into a positive or negative covenant, or both, relating to any land within the Treasury Complex site on, or in anticipation of, the sale or transfer of that land.
- (2) The Minister may enter into an agreement concerning the use or development, or both, of any land within the Treasury Complex site on, or in anticipation of, the sale or transfer of that land.
- (3) The Minister may direct the Recorder of Titles to record a covenant or agreement entered into under this section on the folio of the Register

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relating to land which is the subject of the covenant or agreement.

- (4) On receipt of a direction under subsection (3), the Recorder of Titles is to record the covenant or agreement on the relevant folio of the Register as the Recorder of Titles considers appropriate.
- (5) The benefits and burdens of a covenant or agreement made under this section run with the land to which the covenant or agreement relates, and the covenant or agreement is enforceable between the parties to it and any person deriving title to the land under any such party.

**10. Revocation of reservations**

- (1) Any instrument made under any Act or the royal prerogative that reserves, or sets aside, land the whole of which is within the Treasury Complex site is revoked.
- (2) Any instrument made under any Act or the royal prerogative that reserves, or sets aside, land only part of which is within the Treasury Complex site has no effect in relation to the area of land that is within the Treasury Complex site.

**11. Compensation not payable**

No compensation is payable by the Crown in respect of –

- (a) the vesting in the Crown of land under this Act; or

- (b) the freeing and discharging from limitations of land, and the extinguishing of rights in land, by the operation of this Act; or
- (c) anything done, or omitted to be done, in good faith under the authority, or for the purposes, of this Act.

## **12. Powers under this Act additional to other powers**

The powers given by this Act in relation to any dealing with land, or in relation to altering or otherwise dealing with the Register, are in addition to any other powers under another Act or any other law of Tasmania to deal with the land, or to alter or otherwise deal with the Register.

## **13. Regulations**

- (1) The Governor may make regulations for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) The regulations may be made so as to apply differently according to matters, limitations or restrictions, whether as to time, circumstance or otherwise, specified in the regulations.
- (3) The regulations may authorise any matter to be from time to time determined, applied, approved or regulated by the Minister, the Director-General of Lands or the Recorder of Titles.

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**14. Administration of Act**

Until provision is made in relation to this Act by order under section 4 of the *Administrative Arrangements Act 1990* –

- (a) the administration of this Act is assigned to the Treasurer; and
- (b) the department responsible to the Treasurer in relation to the administration of this Act is the Department of Treasury and Finance.

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