CRIMES.

**No. 10 of 1955.**

An Act to amend the *Crimes Act* 1914–1950, and to repeal certain provisions of the *War Precautions Act Repeal Act* 1920–1934.

[Assented to 31st May, 1955.]

BE it enacted by the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

**Short title and citation.**

**1.**—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Crimes Act* 1955.

(2.) The *Crimes Act* 1914–1950 is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Crimes Act* 1914–1955.

**Commencement.**

**2.** This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

**Definitions.**

**3.** Section fifty-one of the Principal Act is amended—

(*a*) by omitting the definition of “coin” and inserting in its stead the following definition:—

“ ‘coin’ includes the coin of a foreign country as well as the coin of a part of the Queen’s dominions;”; and

(*b*) by omitting the definition of “current” and inserting in its stead the following definition:—

“ ‘current’, in relation to coin, means coin of any of the kinds or denominations of coin which are or have been coined in a mint in any part of the Queen’s dominions or are lawfully current in any part of the Queen’s dominions;”.

**4.** After section sixty-two of the Principal Act the following section is inserted in Part IV.:—

**Defacing current gold coin.**

“62a. A person shall not, without the consent of the Treasurer, deface or destroy, by melting or otherwise, a current gold coin.

Penalty: One hundred pounds or imprisonment for one year.”.

**5.** After section ninety of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

**Destroying, &c, posters, &c., relating to Commonwealth loans.**

“90a. A person shall not, without lawful authority, destroy, injure, disfigure or remove a poster, advertisement or notice relating to a Commonwealth loan.

Penalty: One hundred pounds or imprisonment for one year.”.

**Repeal of certain provisions of War Precautions Act Repeal Act.**

**6**.—(1.) Section eighteen of the *War Precautions Act Repeal Act* 1920–1934 and the heading to that section, and sections twenty and twenty-one of that Act, are repealed.

(2.) The *War Precautions Act Repeal Act* 1920–1934, as amended by this section, may be cited as the *War Precautions Act Repeal Act* 1920–1955.