

CHAPTER 52

NATIONAL BANK OF SOLOMON ISLANDS

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE VESTING OF ASSETS IN THE NATIONAL
BANK OF SOLOMON ISLANDS AND TO AMEND THE BANKING
ACT

13 of 1980

[19th December 1980]

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the National Bank of
Solomon Islands Act.

Short title and
Interpretation

(2) In this Act—

“CSB” means the Commonwealth Savings Bank of
Australia;

“CTB” means the Commonwealth Trading Bank of
Australia;

“NBSI” means the company to be incorporated under the
name of “The National Bank of Solomon Islands
Limited” pursuant to the Memorandum of
Understanding of 1st July 1980 between Solomon
Islands Government, the Commonwealth Banking
Corporation, CTB and CSB; and

“vesting date” has the meaning given by section 2.

(3) A notice under sections 2 or 3 shall be published in the
Gazette; but section 62 of the Interpretation and General
Provisions Act (parliamentary procedure) shall not apply to such
a notice.

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2.—(1) All property, rights, liabilities and obligations which,
immediately before such day as may be appointed by the
Minister by notice (in this Act referred to as “the vesting date”)
were—

Vesting of assets
in NBSI

(a) property, rights, liabilities or obligations of CTB or
CSB; and

(b) related to their banking business in Solomon Islands,
shall on the vesting date vest by virtue of this Act and without
further assurance in NBSI.

(2) The Schedule to this Act contains provisions supple-
mentary to subsection (1).

(3) The Minister shall not appoint a day under subsection (1)
unless he is satisfied that on or before that day—

(a) NBSI, CTB and CSB will have entered into an agreement for the vesting in NBSI of the property, rights, liabilities and obligations referred to in that subsection; and

(b) any consideration payable by NBSI under the agreement in respect of the vesting will have been paid.

Removal of limit
on advances
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3.—(1) The duty imposed on financial institutions by section 14(1)(a) of the Banking Act (limit on aggregate amount of advances, etc.) shall not apply to NBSI at any time during the period of five years beginning with the vesting date.

(2) The Minister may by notice extend or further extend the period referred to in subsection (1).

Section 2

SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS ABOUT VESTING OF ASSETS

1. For the purposes of this Act, the banking business of CTB in Solomon Islands does not include its business as shareholder of NBSI.

2.—(1) Every agreement (whether in writing or not) to which CTB or CSB was a party immediately before the vesting date and which relate to their banking business in Solomon Islands shall have effect as from the vesting date as if—

(a) NBSI had been a party to the agreement; and

(b) for any reference to CTB or CSB there were substituted, as respects anything falling to be done on or after the vesting date, a reference to NBSI.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) applies to an agreement whether or not it is of such a nature that rights, liabilities and obligations under it could be assigned by CTB or CSB.

(3) In any agreement (whether in writing or not) or other document to which sub-paragraph (1) does not apply, references to CTB or CSB, in relation to their banking business in Solomon Islands, shall be construed as from the vesting date as references to NBSI.

3.—(1) Without prejudice to the preceding provisions of this Act, where any right, liability or obligation vests by virtue of this Act, NBSI and all other persons shall, as from the vesting date, have the same rights, powers and remedies (and, in particular, the same rights as to the taking or resisting of legal proceedings or the making or resisting of applications to any authority) for ascertaining, perfecting or enforcing that right, liability or obligation as they would have had if it had at all times been a right, liability or obligation of NBSI.

(2) Without prejudice to the preceding provisions of this Act, any legal

proceedings or applications to any authority pending on the vesting date by or against CTB or CSB, insofar as they relate to any property, right, liability or obligation vested by virtue of this Act or to any agreement or document which has effect in accordance with paragraph 2, shall be continued by or against in NBSI to the exclusion of CTB and CSB.

4. The Registrar of Titles shall make such alterations in the land register complied under the Land and Titles Act as are necessary or expedient in consequence of this Act; but no fees shall be payable under section 259 of that Act in respect of such an alteration.

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5. No stamp duty shall be payable in consequence of this Act or any agreement falling within section 2(3)(a).

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*Subsidiary Legislation*NOTICES OF EXTENSION
(Section 3(2))

The period referred to in section 3(1) of the Act has been extended for a further period of—

LN 19/1988
LN 80/1990
GN 19/1996

- (a) two years with effect from 2nd March 1988;
 - (b) five years with effect from 2nd March 1990; and
 - (c) five years with effect from 3rd March 1995.
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