

# Lunacy Act Amendment Act 1920, Western Australia

1921 – 1962

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## Details

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The Lunacy Act Amendment Act 1920 (11 Geo. V No. 42) set up the mechanisms for Boards of Visitors with broad powers of inspection and action in the interests of protecting and releasing patients in mental health institutions. The purpose of the Act was to ensure people weren't locked up forever in a hospital for the 'insane'. Unfortunately, it did not help release children who were deemed 'incurable'.

## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Related Events

- [Select Committee to inquire into the management of the Claremont Hospital for the Insane, Western Australia \(24 September 1919 - 11 November 1919\)](#)

#### Amends

- [Lunacy Act 1903, Western Australia \(1903 - 1962\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Board of Visitors, Claremont Mental Hospital \(1921 - 1996\)](#)
- [Board of Visitors, Heathcote \(1929 - 1994\)](#)

The *Lunacy Act Amendment Act 1920* enabled a Board of Visitors to be set up at Heathcote.

## Resources

- [Bill - Lunacy Act Amendment. Second Reading \[Hansard p1015-1016\]](#), Hansard Archive 1870 to 1995, 14 October 1920
- [Bill - Lunacy Act Amendment. Second Reading \[Hansard p1073-1088\]](#), Hansard Archive 1870 to 1995, 19 October 1920
- [Bill - Lunacy Act Amendment. Second Reading \[Hansard p1454-1464\]](#), Hansard Archive 1870 to 1995, 4 November 1920
- [Bill - Lunacy Act Amendment. In Committee \[Hansard p1640-1658\]](#), Hansard Archive 1870 to 1995, 16 November 1920
- [Bill - Lunacy Act Amendment. In Committee \[Hansard p2067-2068\]](#), Hansard Archive 1870 to 1995, 2 December 1920
- [Bill - Lunacy Act Amendment. Second Reading \[Hansard p2619-2628\]](#), Hansard Archive 1870 to 1995, 21 December 1920

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