

# The Public Health Act (No. 2) 1918, Tasmania

1918 – 1935

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The Public Health Act (No. 2) 1918 had the full title 'An Act to further amend "The Public Health Act, 1903", and for other purposes' (Act no. 9 Geo. V no. 36). This amendment appears to be in response to the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic that claimed around 10,000 Australians by 1919. This legislation formally includes Pneumonic Influenza in the definition of Dangerous Infectious Disease and regulates access to public places and travel into, within or from Tasmania. It is believed Australia's strict legislation prevented the disease from reaching Australian shores until 1919. It is estimated around 25% of people around the world were infected by the disease. This legislation was repealed in 1935 by The Public Health Act 1935 (Act no. 26 Geo V. No.43).

## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Amends

- [The Public Health Act 1903, Tasmania \(1904 - 1935\)](#)

### Resources

- Department of Health, [Pandemic Influenza: history of pandemics](#), No date

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