**FENCING ACT 1846**

Full title: *ORDINANCE Enacted by the Governor of South Australia with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof*

The key provisions in this act are:

* To encourage the fencing of land
* Land owners on either side of a dividing fence are required to pay half the cost of a fence
* Maintenance of a dividing fence to be shared.

Note: Prior to 1857 the colony of SA was ruled by a Governor responsible to the British Crown. Legislation was enacted by the Governor following consideration by a five person Council of Government and later expanded to seven and called the Legislative Council. No Hansard was prepared.

Acts passed between 1836 and 1857 are covered on this History of Agriculture site with the full title and summary of the key provisions of the Act.