

The Contagious Diseases Act 1881, Tasmania

1881 – 1935

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The Contagious Diseases Amendment Act 1881 also known by the full title 'An Act to continue and amend "The Contagious Diseases Acts, 1879"' (Act no.45 Vict. No.23) provided for women confined to a contagious diseases hospital who refused to work to be placed in solitary confinement for seven days or prison for one month. The 'wilful' destruction of clothing or bedding could be punished by imprisonment for three months. 'Contagious' was a 'polite' word for sexually transmitted diseases, especially syphilis.

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