

Coupon rationing in Australia during World War II:

An exercise in muddling and bungling

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**‘War and storms are best to read of,
but peace and calms are better to endure.’**

Jeremy Bentham

Quoted in E. Ronald Walker, *The Australian Economy in War and Reconstruction*,
Oxford University Press, New York, 1947, p. vii.

**‘Rationing is more than a wartime necessity,
it is a weapon of victory.’**

R. V. Keane
Minister for Trade and Customs

Quoted in “Rationing in Australia June 1942 - December 1944”,
Departmental publication, undated.

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Conversion tables

Distance

1 mile = 1.6093 kilometres

Capacity

1 pint = .5682 litres

1 gallon = 4.5460 litres

Mass

1 ounce = 28.3495 grams

1 pound (16 ounces) = .4535 kilograms

Power

1 horsepower = .7457 kilowatts

Money

£ = pound = \$2.00

s. = shilling = 10 cents

Illustrations

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