# New South Wales.



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# GEORGII V REGIS.

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# Act No. 65, 1924.

# An Act to sanction the completion of the National Library; to amend the National Library Act, 1905; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 23rd December, 1924.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :---

1. This Act may be cited as the "National Library Short title. Act, 1924."

2. (1) The work described in the Schedule to this Work Act is hereby sanctioned, and the Secretary for Public <sup>sanctioned</sup>. Works is empowered to carry out the same. (2)

(2) The provisions of sections thirty-four, thirtyfive, thirty-six, and thirty-seven of the Public Works Act, 1912, shall not apply to the said work, but subject as aforesaid the work shall be carried out under the provisions of that Act.

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(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the National Library Act, 1905, the work shall be carried out in accordance with the plans referred to in this section subject to such minor alterations and modifications as to the said Secretary shall seem expedient and proper.

**4.** The cost of carrying out the said work (exclusive of land resumptions) is estimated at four hundred and ninety-five thousand five hundred pounds, and such estimated cost shall not, under any circumstances, be exceeded by more than ten per centum, and shall be defrayed out of funds provided by Parliament.

#### SCHEDULE.

THE site of the proposed building is that to the north of the present garden attached to Parliament House with flank frontage to Macquariestreet and extending northward and eastward over land now partly occupied by the Mitchell Library and the excavated ground adjacent thereto, Richmond Terrace and the Outer Domain, as is indicated upon the plans. It is intended that the main facade of the building shall face north, overlooking the Palace Garden grounds, requiring some deviation and rearrangement of the Domain and Botanic Gardens entrances, roads, and fencing in its immediate vicinity. A deviation of the lane to the north of the Parliament House grounds will also be required ; while the area of land to the south of the proposed National Library, occupied at present partly by portion of Richmond Terrace and partly by the Outer Domain, will be available for addition to Parliament House grounds.

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#### By Authority :

ALFRED JAMES KENT, Government Printer, Sydney, 1924.

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I certify that this PUBLIC BILL, which originated in the LEGIS-LATIVE ASSEMBLY, has finally passed the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of NEW SOUTH WALES.

> W. S. MOWLE, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 18 December, 1924, A.M.

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In the name and on behalf of His Majesty I assent to this Act.

D. R. S. DE CHAIR, Governor.

Government House, Sydney, 23rd December, 1924.

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This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

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