

New South Wales.



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GEORGII V REGIS.

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By Authority :

ALFRED JAMES KENT, Government Printer, Sydney, 1924.

[3d.]

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

W. L. S. COOPER,
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*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th December, 1924.*

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

D. R. S. DE CHAIR,
Governor.

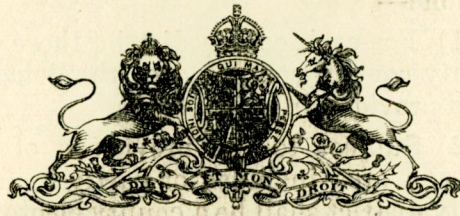
*Government House,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1924.*

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

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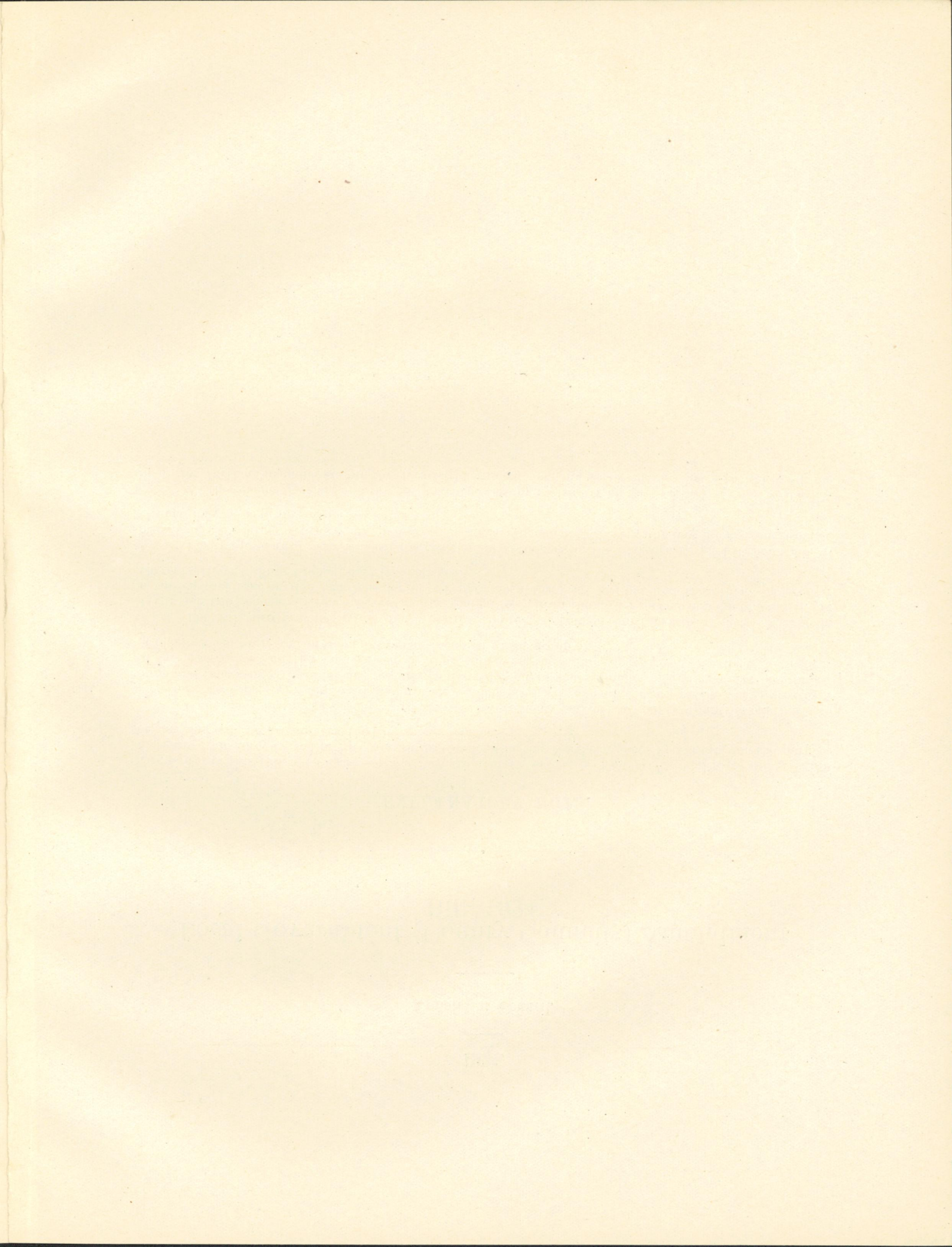
THE object of this Bill is to assist in the formation of a very large County Council to be comprised of delegates from forty-two Municipal and Shire Councils in the Northern part of the State for the purpose of carrying out the Jackadgery Hydro electric Scheme.

Under the existing provisions of the Local Government Act such a County Council would need to have forty-two members and would be unwieldy. This Bill will amend the Act on lines suggested by a large and representative conference recently held at Grafton, so that a number of Councils may be grouped in one Electorate and the whole group be represented on the County Council by one delegate instead of one for each Shire and Municipal Council included in the group.

The Bill also provides power for a shire or municipal council which is already in the Nymboida Hydro-electric Scheme (Clarence River County Council) to join in the larger scheme now contemplated. It is anticipated that in due time the larger scheme will absorb the smaller, and that then the present Clarence River County Council may be abolished.

For the present all that is needed is power for the councils in the Clarence River district to join in organising the larger scheme: and power to make arrangements whereby the new Jackadgery County Council may be kept down to a workable size.

As the scheme develops and further difficulties are met with it may be necessary to come to Parliament for further amendments in the Local Government machinery to enable this great scheme to be carried forward without check.



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