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3. All notices purporting to be under the provisions of the abovementioned section published and posted before the commencement of this Act, which but for this Act would be invalid by reason only of the insufficiency of the description of the land proposed to be resumed are hereby declared valid:

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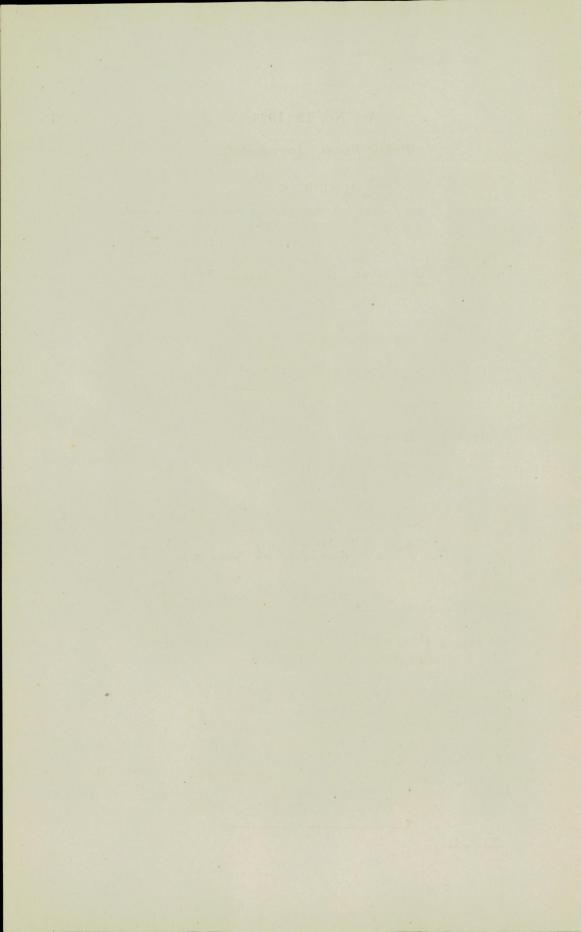
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Particulars of land proposed to be resumed for a road, or part of a road, or deviation of a road.

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By Authority:
Alfred James Kent, Government Printer, Sydney, 1923.



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.

C. H. CALVERT,
For the Clerk of the Parliaments.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 27th September, 1923.

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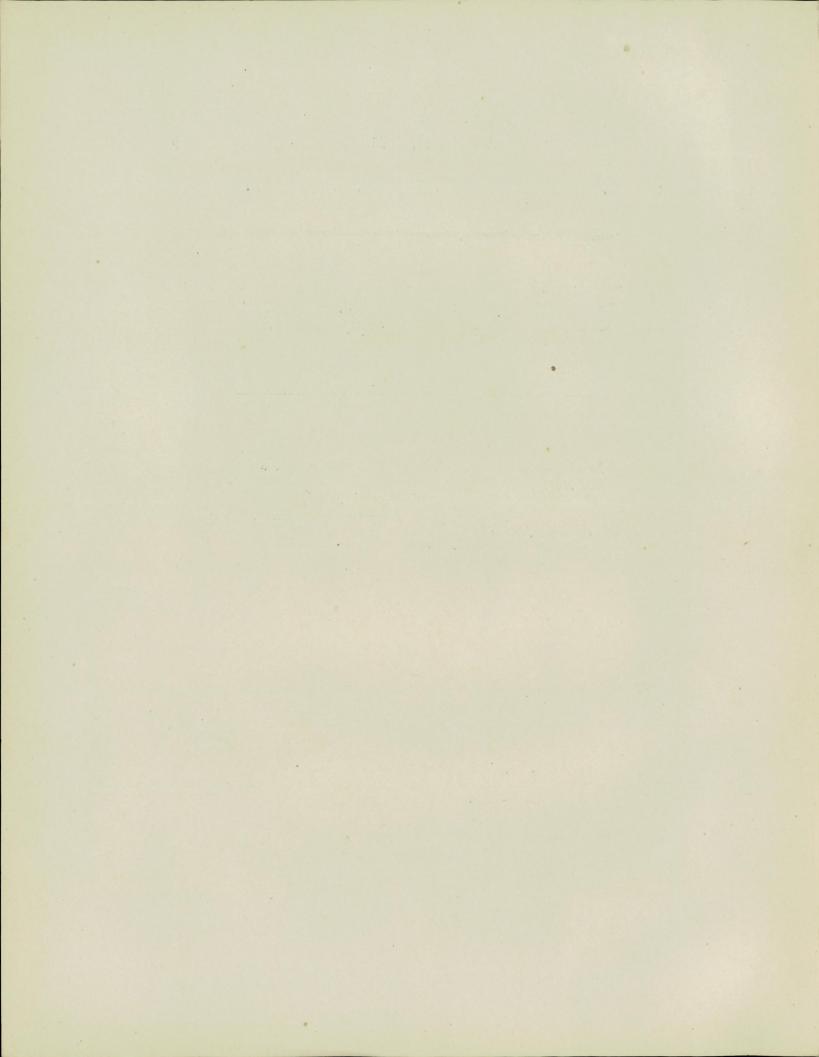
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In the name and on behalf of His Majesty I assent to this Aci.

W. P. CULLEN, Lieutenant-Governor.

Government House, Sydney, 4th October, 1923.



EXPLANATORY NOTE.

This is a small machinery measure which if passed will save the publication of lengthy technical descriptions of land which it is intended to resume for the purpose of opening a road.

The Equity Court has held (in Rea v. Walker, 1903) that under the existing law the Crown's resumption of a certain road was inoperative by reason of the Gazette notice of intention to resume containing an insufficient description, having regard to the terms of Section 7 of the Public Roads Act, 1902.

That section provides that notice of the Minister's intention to open a road through any land which is not Crown land shall be published in the Gazette and in a local newspaper, giving a description of the land it is proposed to resume.

The decision of the Equity Court necessitates the preparation, gazettal, and advertising of elaborate technical descriptions, which are costly, and, except for the Court's decision, are needless.

The objects of the Bill are to amend the Public Roads Act, 1902, so as to dispense with such lengthy descriptions and provide a short but sufficient description giving just the requisite particulars.

The Bill also will validate action which had been taken prior to the Equity Court's decision.

An amendment is also made in the definition of the Chief Surveyor, whose duties are now performed by the Surveyor-General.

Clause 4 proposes to give the Under Secretary power to deal with certain formal matters on behalf of the Minister as under the Crown Lands Acts.

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.

W. L. S. COOPER, Clerk of the Parliaments.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 13th September, 1923.

New South Wales.



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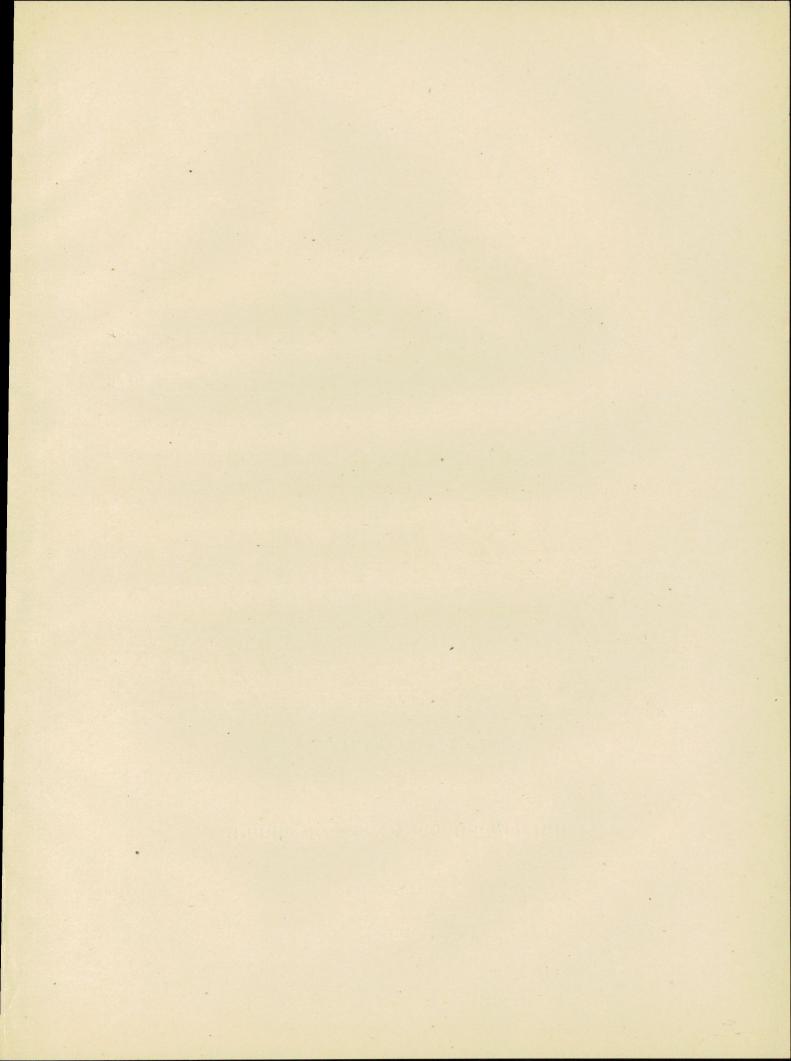
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