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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 "Lands Commission (Amend-short title.

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It shall be construed with the Lands Commission Act, 1905.

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(2) Provided that—

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I Certify that this Public Bill, which originated in the Legislative Assembly, has finally passed the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 24 August, 1905. RICHD. A. ARNOLD, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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

FREDK. M. DARLEY,

State Government House, Sydney, 25th August, 1905. Lieutenant-Governor.

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