

New South Wales.



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Use of general fund for sanitary or garbage service establishment.

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By Authority :

WILLIAM APPELEGATE GULLICK, Government Printer, Sydney, 1914.

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The history of the United States of America is a story of a people who have grown from a small colony of English settlers to a great nation. The story begins in 1492 when Christopher Columbus discovered the continent. The first permanent English settlement was founded in 1607 at Jamestown. The Pilgrims arrived in 1620 on the Mayflower and established the Plymouth colony. The American Revolution began in 1775 and ended in 1781 with the Battle of Yorktown. The United States Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776. The Constitution was adopted in 1787. The Civil War was fought from 1861 to 1865. The United States entered World War I in 1917 and World War II in 1941. The Cold War was fought from 1945 to 1991. The United States is a democratic republic with a system of checks and balances. The President is the head of state and the Commander in Chief of the armed forces. The Congress is the legislative branch and consists of the House of Representatives and the Senate. The Supreme Court is the highest court in the land. The United States is a member of the United Nations and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). The United States is a leader in science, technology, and industry. The United States is a country of immigrants and diversity. The United States is a country of opportunity and hope.

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,
Acting Clerk of the Parliaments.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th November, 1914.*

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

G. STRICKLAND,

State Government House,
26th November, 1914.

Governor.

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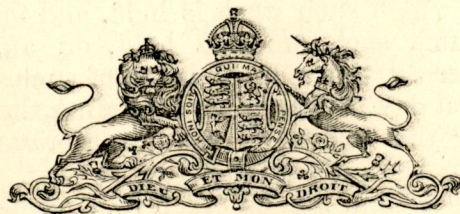
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This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY for its concurrence.

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

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th October, 1914.*

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The following information was obtained from the records of the
 Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, on the
 subject of the land described in the foregoing instrument.
 The land described in the foregoing instrument is situated
 in the County of [County Name], State of [State Name], and
 is more particularly described as follows: [Description of land]
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5. (1) Whereas the Governor approved on the eighteenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, of the Council of the Municipality of Marrickville borrowing a sum of twelve thousand pounds for the purpose of the construction of kerbing and guttering and tarpaving certain footpaths in the municipality, and a sum of nine thousand pounds for the purpose of the erection of a garbage destructor, and whereas the said council failed to negotiate such loans at the rate of interest specified in its applications for the Governor's approval to such borrowings, the said council is hereby authorised, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Local Government Acts, and without the necessity to carry out the provisions of those Acts as to the procedure precedent to borrowing, except as to the levying of a loan rate, to borrow the said sums for the purposes stated respectively at a rate of interest not exceeding four and three-quarter per centum per annum. Such borrowing shall be deemed to be a borrowing under and in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Acts, and those Acts shall apply thereto.

Marrickville
Municipal
Council
Loan.—
Authorization
of borrowing
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interest in
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loan
proposals.

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Non-levying of loan rates may be validated.

6. In any case where a council has before the commencement of this Act failed to comply with the provisions of the Local Government Acts in respect to the making of any loan rate or local loan rate, the Minister may, upon application by the council, validate the action of such council in that respect if, in his opinion, the interests of the ratepayers and other persons interested in the loan will be benefited by such validation. 15

Reduction of loan rate in consequence of increase in valuations.

7. In any case where before the commencement of this Act a council has reduced the amount of any loan rate in consequence of an increase of valuations, but so that the yield from such reduced rate is not less than the amount required to be raised by such loan rate, the action of such council shall be deemed to have been and to be valid. 20

Use of general fund for sanitary or garbage service establishment.

8. Where before the commencement of this Act any money belonging to any fund of a council has been expended by a council for the establishment or maintenance of the sanitary or garbage service such expenditure shall be deemed to be in accordance with the Local Government Acts and to be valid. 25

Blue Mountains Shire—purchase of land for park.

9. Whereas certain persons have contracted with the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Limited, for the payment of the purchase money, or part thereof, for land at Mount Victoria, and whereas such land has been dedicated as a public park, the council of the Shire of Blue Mountains is authorised to discharge the said obligations to the said bank, and any payment made by the council in respect thereof before the commencement of this Act is valid and shall be deemed to have been authorised by the Local Government Acts. 35

East Maitland Pasturage Reserve.

10. (1) Notwithstanding any of the provisions of the East Maitland Public Reserve Act, the Council of the Municipality of East Maitland shall be deemed to have been authorised to expend, for the purposes of the general 40

general fund, any amounts heretofore derived in respect of any lands comprised within the East Maitland pasturage reserve and expended for the said purposes.

- 5 The amount of any moneys derived in respect of the said lands, and heretofore expended by the council for the purposes of the gas works trading fund, shall be repaid to the pasturage reserve special fund within a period of five years from and after a date, and at a rate of annual payment to be fixed by the Minister.
- 10 (2) The council may, unless otherwise directed by the Minister, expend upon the maintenance of any public reserve within the municipality, and from the moneys hereafter to be derived in respect of any lands comprised within the East Maitland pasturage reserve, any sum not exceeding an amount which may be fixed by the Minister from time to time.

Use of funds.

Refund from the Gas Trading Fund.

Future use of funds.

- 15 (3) Any lease or agreement to lease any land comprised within the East Maitland pasturage reserve made by the council before the commencement of this Act shall be and be deemed to be valid notwithstanding any incapacity of the council to enter into any such lease or agreement.

Leases.

- 20 **11.** The agreement made between the Minister and the Council of the Shire of Urana in reference to certain works for the supply of water to the village of Oaklands shall be valid.

Oaklands water supply.

- 30 **12.** A council of a shire or of a municipality which before the passing of this Act has carried out any operations for the extirpation and destruction of water hyacinth, or expended its funds for that purpose, or contributed towards the cost of the carrying out of such work by any other council, or by an unauthorised body known as the "Water Hyacinth Eradication Board," established at Coraki, shall be deemed to have been authorised so to do, and the council, and that board and the officers and servants of the council, and any person whosoever acting for or on behalf of the council or that board, shall be and are hereby indemnified from and against any liability which may have arisen from the reasonable carrying out of any such operations, and from and against any liability in respect of the use of the council's funds in the manner aforesaid.

Water hyacinth eradication.

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of the 10th instant.

The Bureau is currently reviewing the information

submitted to it and will advise you of the results

of its investigation as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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