

Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction.

Act No. 46, 1906.

BARREN JACK DAM
AND
MURRUMBIDGEE
CANALS
CONSTRUCTION.

An Act to sanction the construction of a dam across the Murrumbidgee River at Barren Jack, a movable diversion weir across the Murrumbidgee River about nineteen miles in a direct line above Narrandera, a main canal from near the diversion weir, a series of branch and subsidiary distributing and drainage channels, together with other works connected therewith; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [19th December, 1906.]

Preamb'le.

WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900, the Legislative Assembly did, by resolution, declare that it was expedient to carry out a certain work, namely, the construction of a dam across the Murrumbidgee River at Barren Jack, in the parishes of West Goodradigee and Childowla, in the counties of Buccleuch and Harden, respectively; a movable diversion weir across the Murrumbidgee River about nineteen miles in a direct line above Narrandera; the construction of a main canal from near the diversion weir to a point about ten miles north-easterly from the village of Gunbar; a series of main and subsidiary distributing channels, together with other works connected therewith: And whereas on the passing of the said resolution a statutory duty was by the said Act imposed on the Secretary for Public Works to introduce a Bill into the said Assembly to sanction the carrying out of the said work: Be it therefore 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:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Barren Jack Dam and Murrumbidgee Canals Construction Act, 1906."

Sanction of works.

2. The carrying out of the said work (more particularly described in the Schedule to this Act) is hereby sanctioned, and the Secretary for Public Works, or the member of the Executive Council for the time being performing the duties of the said Secretary, is hereby

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hereby authorised to undertake and carry out the said work, subject to the provisions of this Act, and for that purpose shall be and shall have the powers and duties of a Constructing Authority within the meaning of the Public Works Act, 1900.

3. The plan of the said work is the plan marked "A," signed Reference to plan. by the Secretary for Public Works, and countersigned by the Chief Engineer for Rivers, Water Supply, and Drainage, and deposited in the public office of the said Secretary.

4. The cost of the said work, including cost of resumption, Cost of works. estimated at one million five hundred and seventy-four thousand and eight pounds, may be defrayed from the Public Works Fund or from such loan votes as are now or may hereafter be applicable for that purpose or partly from the said fund and partly from such votes.

SCHEDULE

1. The construction of a rubble concrete dam across the Murrumbidgee River at Barren Jack, in the parishes of West Goodradigbee and Childowla, in the counties of Buccleuch and Harden, to retain a supply of water to a reduced top-water level of one thousand one hundred and eighty feet above high-water mark, Sydney, together with by-washes, sluices, valves, and all other necessary works for the storage and delivery of water.

2. The construction of a diversion weir across the Murrumbidgee River about nineteen miles in a direct line above Narrandera, with movable wickets, sluices, and other works necessary for the diversion of a supply of water.

3. The construction of a main canal from the diversion weir, with branch and subsidiary distributing and drainage channels to Gunbar and Hay, with regulators, crossings, escapes, sluices, pipes, and other works necessary for the supply and distribution of water for irrigation, stock, and domestic purposes.

The whole to be subject to such variations and modifications as may be considered desirable by the Constructing Authority.