

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

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No. , 1916.

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# A BILL

To provide against misrepresentation with regard to the sale of certain lands ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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**B**E 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 "Country Lands Subdivision Sale Act, 1916."

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**2.** Any person who subdivides any land for the purpose of selling it as agricultural or pastoral land by auction or in pursuance of any prospectus or advertisement shall, at least one month before the sale of such land or any part of it, lodge with the Under-Secretary for Lands at the Department of Lands a correct plan of such land and subdivision, together with such other particulars as may be prescribed. Particulars of land to be sold to be lodged.

He shall also as soon as practicable after the issue or publication of such prospectus or advertisement lodge with the said Under-Secretary a correct copy of such prospectus and advertisement.

**3.** The Minister may appoint persons to inspect and report upon such land. Inspectors.

**4.** (1) Any person so appointed may at all reasonable times enter upon such land, and do all things necessary for the purposes of such inspection and report. Power of inspectors to enter, &c.

(2) The person making such inspection shall, as soon as possible after inspecting, make and forward a report thereon to the Minister.

**5.** The Minister may, on receipt of such report—

(i) order that before the day of sale—

(a) any such prospectus or advertisement shall be withdrawn and another prospectus or advertisement in accordance with the report be issued; or

(b) any such prospectus or advertisement shall be altered as he may direct; or

(ii) publish such report or any extracts from it.

**6.** Any person contravening any provision of this Act, or disobeying any order made in pursuance of this Act, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *two hundred pounds*. Penalties.

**7.** All penalties under the provisions of this Act, or of any regulation made hereunder, may be recovered in a summary manner before any stipendiary or police magistrate, or before any two justices in petty sessions. Recovery of penalties.

**8.** (1) The Governor may make regulations prescribing the particulars to be lodged in pursuance of this Act, and generally for carrying out the provisions of this Act. Any person contravening any such regulation shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *twenty pounds*. Regulations.

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- (2) Such regulations shall—
    - (i) be published in the Gazette;
    - (ii) take effect from the date of publication, or from a later date to be specified in such regulations; and
    - (iii) be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fourteen days after publication if Parliament is in session, and, if not, then within fourteen days after the commencement of the next session. If either House of Parliament passes a resolution at any time within fifteen sitting days after such regulations have been laid before such House disallowing any regulation, such regulation shall thereupon cease to have effect.
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