

CROWN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1953.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

THE objects of this Bill are—

- (1) To re-enact the provisions of the expired Land Offices Act, 1942, in the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and so—
 - (a) authorise the Minister to direct a Crown land agent for any land district or land districts to act as Crown land agent for any additional land district or land districts;
 - (b) empower the Minister to appoint the day or days to be observed as land-office days for any particular land office and the hours during which the Crown land agent is required to attend at such office for the transaction of business.
- (2) To validate certain matters which might lawfully have been done had the Land Offices Act, 1942, not expired.

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A BILL

To make certain provisions relating to Crown land agents and the appointment of days as land-office days for land offices; for these purposes to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913; to validate certain matters; and for purposes connected therewith.

BE it enacted by the Queen'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 "Crown Lands Short title. (Amendment) Act, 1953".

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2. The Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, as amended by subsequent Acts, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act, is amended by inserting next after section nine the following new section:—

Amendment of Act No. 7, 1913.
New sec. 9A.

5 9A. (1) The Minister may direct a Crown land agent for any land district or land districts to act as Crown land agent for any additional land district or land districts and such person while so acting within the scope of his authority shall have and may exercise and discharge the like powers, authorities, duties and functions as if he were the Crown land agent for such additional land district or land districts.

Minister may direct Crown land agent to act in another district, etc.

15 (2) The Minister may by notification in the Gazette appoint in respect of any particular land office the day or days upon which and the hours during which the Crown land agent is required to attend at such land office for the transaction of business, and the day or days so appointed shall be the land-office days for such land office within the meaning of this Act, and any such notification may in like manner be amended or revoked by the Minister.

25 **3.** Subject to section four of this Act any notification made by the Minister under paragraph (b) of section two of the Land Offices Act, 1942, and in force immediately before the expiration of such Act, shall as from such expiration be deemed to have had force and effect as though such Act had not expired and shall after 30 the commencement of this Act be deemed to be a notification made by the Minister under subsection two of section 9A of the Principal Act.

Certain notifications to remain in force.

35 **4.** (1) (a) The land-office days and the hours on each land-office day during which the Crown land agent is required to attend at the land office at Picton for the transaction of business shall be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week (exclusive of public holidays) from thirty minutes past nine o'clock in the forenoon to one o'clock in the afternoon and from forty-five minutes 40 past one o'clock to four o'clock in the afternoon.

Validation of certain matters.

(b)

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(b) Paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be deemed to have commenced upon the seventeenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three.

5 (2) (a) The land-office days and the hours on each land-office day during which the Crown land agent is required to attend at the land office at Kiama for the transaction of business shall be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week (exclusive of public holidays) from thirty minutes past nine o'clock in the forenoon to 10 one o'clock in the afternoon and from forty-five minutes past one o'clock to four o'clock in the afternoon.

(b) Paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be deemed to have commenced upon the first day of September, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two.

15 (3) Nothing in this section shall affect the provisions of subsection two of section 9A of the Principal Act.

