No. , 1916.

A BILL

To amend the Grafton and South Grafton Water Supply Administration Act, 1915; and for other purposes.

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 "Grafton and South Short title. Grafton Water Supply Administration (Amendment) Act, 1916."

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2. Section fourteen of the Grafton and South Amendment Grafton Water Supply Administration Act, 1915, is ^{of s. 14.} amended by omitting the first paragraph.

3. The following sections are inserted next after Application section fourteen of the said Act :---

14A. The provisions of the Country Towns Water Country and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1905, relating to water Towns supply and matters connected therewith, as amended Sewerage by the Local Government Act, 1906, so far as such Acts. provisions are not inconsistent with this Act, are incorporated in this Act, mutatis mutandis, and for that purpose—

- (a) the board shall with respect to such matters have the same powers and duties as if it were the council of a municipality the area of which comprised the joint areas of the municipalities, and which had taken over the administration, control, and management of the works;
- (b) any reference in the said provisions to a borough, municipal district, or municipality, or to its council shall be deemed to be a reference to the joint areas of the municipalities or to the board;
- (c) any reference in the said provisions to the mayor of a borough, municipal district, or municipality shall be deemed to be a reference to the chairman of the board, or in his absence the vice-chairman; and
- (d) any reference therein to the clerk of a council shall be deemed to be a reference to the secretary of the board.

14B. The board may, with the consent of the Use of works Minister, and on such terms and conditions as he forgenerating may approve, permit the use of the works by the power. councils of the municipalities, or either of them, or by any person or body corporate having an agreement with the said councils, or either of them, for the purpose of generating electric power, and may enter into all agreements necessary or proper in that behalf. **4.** The following subsections are added to section Amendment eleven of the said Act :--

(3) If the councils fail to elect the board the Governor may appoint a manager, who shall until the board is duly elected have and be subject to all powers, duties, and obligations of the board. Such manager shall act in the name of the board and may use its common seal.

(4) Any manager appointed under this Act shall be paid such salary as the Governor may direct. Such salary shall be charged against the revenue derived from the said works.