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# A BILL

To provide for the construction of works for councils, and for advances to councils for the construction of works ; to validate certain expenditure and advances of public moneys to councils, and contracts or agreements in connection therewith ; to amend the Local Government Act, 1906 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

[MR. GRIFFITH ;— *September, 1916.*]

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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 " Local Government Short title. Amendment (Works) Act, 1916."

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**2.** The following new section is inserted after section New s. 128A. one hundred and twenty-eight of the Local Government Act, 1906 :—

128A. (1) The Minister for Public Works may, Construction of works for council and advance of money for works. at the request of the Minister, construct for a council any work which the council might lawfully construct.

The Minister may, from moneys provided by Parliament for the purpose, make advances to councils for the construction of works.

(2) Before any such work is constructed, or any such advance is made, the Minister may require the council to enter into a contract conditioned to secure the payment by it of annual instalments for defraying—

- (a) the cost of the work or the refund of the money advanced; and
- (b) interest on such cost and moneys at such rate as the Minister may decide.

(3) If any such instalment be not paid on the due date there shall be added thereto a sum equal to ten per centum thereof; and such instalment, together with such additional sum, may be recovered by the Minister.

(4) The provisions of this or any other Act relating to moneys borrowed by councils shall not apply to advances made under this section.

**3.** Where before the commencement of this Act the Validation of certain expenditure. Minister or any other Minister of the Crown has—

- (a) expended any public moneys in or for the construction of works for a council; or
- (b) made advances of public moneys to a council for the construction of any works; or
- (c) in connection with such expenditure or advances entered into any contract or agreement with a council,

such expenditure and such advances shall be deemed to have been lawfully made, and such contract or agreement shall be deemed to have been lawfully entered into.

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