

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1912.

A BILL

To provide for the construction by the State of Victoria of bridges across the Murray River near Wentworth and Euston for railway, vehicular, horse, and foot traffic, with terminal railway stations and connecting lines, and for the payment of half the cost of the construction of such works; to provide for the maintenance of such works and the regulation of traffic thereon; to regulate the construction of lines of railway in continuation of such connecting lines; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

BE 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 "Murray River Bridges Act, 1912."

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2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise indicates,—
“Governor-in-Council of Victoria” means Governor with the advice of the Executive Council of Victoria.

“Victoria” means State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia.

3. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Governor may, out of the General Loan Account, or out of the Public Works Fund, or partly out of such account and partly out of the said fund, as Parliament may determine, cause to be paid into the Treasury of Victoria, or to such person or into such account as the Governor-in-Council of Victoria may appoint in that behalf, one half of the cost of the construction by the said State of two bridges, with railways and roadways thereon, across the Murray River, namely, one bridge crossing the said river opposite, or nearly opposite, to the town of Wentworth, and one opposite, or nearly opposite, to the town of Euston, and of two terminal railway stations in New South Wales at or near such bridges, and lines of railway connecting such bridges with such terminal stations.

4. Each such bridge shall be constructed to carry railway, vehicular, horse, and foot traffic.

5. The bridges and railway stations shall respectively be built upon sites approved by the Governor.

The plans and specifications for the construction of such bridges, railways, and railway stations shall be as approved by the Secretary for Public Works.

All works of or incidental to such construction but outside the plans and specifications must be approved by the Secretary for Public Works.

6. Any tenders or estimates for works to be constructed in pursuance of this Act shall be submitted to the Secretary for Public Works, and no expenditure shall, for the purposes of this Act, form part of the cost of the construction of any such work unless it has been authorised or approved by the said Secretary.

7. It shall be a condition of any payment by the Governor in respect of the cost of such construction that the Government of Victoria shall construct lines of railway from Merbein and Chillingollah leading to and across the said bridges to the said terminal stations.

8. The said bridges and terminal stations, with the railway lines thereon, and the lines connecting such bridges to such stations, shall be under the control of the Railway Commissioners of Victoria :

Provided that the part of any such bridge which is used for vehicular, horse, or foot traffic shall be a free highway.

9. The cost of the maintenance of the bridges shall be borne equally by New South Wales and Victoria :

The cost of the maintenance of the railway stations and lines of railway shall be borne by Victoria.

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10. (1) Any by-laws made by the Railway Commissioners of Victoria, and in force in respect of the railways vested in or worked by them, or any buildings or works used in connection therewith, shall, in respect of the said bridges and terminal stations, and the railway lines thereon, and any connecting lines aforesaid, and any traffic on such lines, have the force of law, and may be enforced in the courts of New South Wales.

(2) Penalties imposed by such by-laws may be recovered in any court of petty sessions by any officer appointed in that behalf by such Commissioners.

(3) Any document purporting to be a copy of such by-laws, and to be printed by the Government Printer of Victoria, shall in any proceedings for penalties, be evidence that the by-laws in the words of such document were duly made by the said Commissioners.

11. Any line of railway constructed within New South Wales in continuation of a line of railway leading from Victoria to any such terminal station shall be of the same gauge as that used in the said line.
