

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1911.

A BILL.

To amend the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Act, 1910, and certain other Acts ; and for other purposes.

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 "Murrumbidgee Irrigation (Amendment) Act, 1911."

2. Section six of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Act, 1910, is amended as follows :—

- (a) In subsection one, omit "The Governor may" insert the words "The Secretary for Public Works as Constructing Authority may, with the approval of the Governor,"
- (b)

(b) In subsection two, insert new paragraph as follows next after paragraph (c) :—

(d) In applying the provisions of the Closer Settlement Acts to this section the expression "the Minister" shall mean the Secretary for Public Works.

3. Section seven of the same Act is amended by adding thereto the following proviso :—

" Provided that, for the purposes of this section, the Secretary for Public Works shall exclusively have the powers and duties conferred on the Secretary for Lands by the Crown Lands Acts."

(Alternative clause.)

3. Section seven of the same Act is repealed, and the following is substituted for it :—

7. (1) The land so purchased, resumed, or appropriated may be disposed of by the Secretary for Public Works under regulations made by the Governor as hereinafter provided.

(2) The Governor may make regulations for the disposal as aforesaid of such lands and in particular—

- (a) providing for the setting apart of such lands for sale, lease, or reservation ;
- (b) regulating the form of applications for such land, and the manner of making the same ;
- (c) prescribing the rules to be followed in granting or refusing such applications ;
- (d) prescribing the tenures of persons who obtain any such lands, and fixing the price or rent payable for any such lands ;
- (e) prescribing the conditions to be performed by such persons, and providing for the enforcement of those conditions ;
- (f) providing for the reservation and dedication of any such lands for public purposes, and the amending or revoking of such reservation and dedication ;
- (g) providing for tenant-right in improvements on any such land ;
- (h) generally for regulating and managing the disposal of such land.

Such regulations shall be published in the Gazette, and shall take effect from the date of such publication.

Such regulations shall 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. But 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 take effect.