# A BILL

To divest the promoters of certain railways, and the Australasia Coal Company, and their representatives and assigns, of their respective estates in certain lands within the area known as the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve; and to vest the said lands in Her Majesty and declare the same to be Crown lands within the meaning of the Crown Lands Acts.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the twenty-sixth year of Her Preamble. Majesty's reign and intituled An Act to enable Robert Archibald Alison Morehead and Matthew Young to construct a Railway from land near Newcastle leased by them from the Crown to and to connect the same with the Great Northern Railway, and an Act passed in the thirty-first year of Her Majesty's reign and intituled An Act to enable James Brown, Alexander Brown, and Stephen Foyle to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to and to connect the same with the Great Northern Railway, certain Crown 25—(4)

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lands which are included within the boundaries of the area known as the Newcastle Pasturage Reserve were vested in the persons designated promoters in the said Acts for the purposes of the said railways: And whereas an Act passed in the thirty-ninth year of Her Majesty's reign and intituled An Act to enable the Australasia Coal Company (Limited) to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to and to connect the same with the Great Northern Railway, certain Crown lands which are included within the boundaries of the said area were vested in the Australasia Coal Mining Company: And whereas the railways constructed under the said Acts on the said lands, and known as the New Lambton, Hartley Vale, and Australasia Coal Company's Railways respectively, have not been in use for the purposes for which they were authorised to be constructed under the said Acts for several years and are not now in use for the said purposes: And whereas it is desirable to declare the said lands to be Crown lands: Be it therefore 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 "New Lambton, Hartley Vale, Short title. and Australasia Coal Companies' Railways Resumption Act, 1900."

2. The persons referred to in the first two above recited Acts Promoters of as promoters, and their executors, administrators, and assigns, and railways in Newcastle Pasturage the Australasia Coal Mining Company and its assigns, and all other Reserve divested of particles and lands persons (if any) having or claiming any estate or interest in the lands estates, and lands described in the Schedules to this Act, are hereby divested of all lands. estates and interests vested in them, and of all powers, rights, and benefits conformed when the them. benefits conferred upon them by the said Acts respectively, in respect of the said lands, and discharged from any duties, liabilities, and obligations imposed by the said Acts, and the said lands are hereby vested in Her Majesty and declared to be Crown lands within the meaning of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, and any Acts amending the same, free from all trusts, conditions, duties, liabilities, and obligations affecting the said lands and any persons in relation thereto.

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## NEW LAMBTON RAILWAY (Part I).

#### Description.

Parish of Newcastle, county of Northumberland and Colony of New South Wales: All that piece and parcel of land commencing at the intersection of the south side of Russell-road by the New Lambton Railway, following that railway in generally northerly, north-easterly, and easterly directions to its intersection by the western side of the Waratah Coal Company's Railway,—being generally of a rectangular width of ninetynine feet, and known as part of the New Lambton Railway.

# NEW LAMBTON RAILWAY (Part II).

#### Description.

Parish of Newcastle, county of Northumberland and Colony of New South Wales: All that piece and parcel of land commencing at the intersection of the eastern side of the Waratah Coal Company's Railway by the New Lambton Railway, following that railway in generally easterly and north-easterly directions to its intersection by the western side of the Hartley Vale Railway,—being generally of a rectangular width of ninety-nine feet, and known as part of the New Lambton Railway.

#### SCHEDULE B.

# HARTLEY VALE RAILWAY (Part I).

## Description.

Parish of Newcastle, county of Northumberland and Colony of New South Wales: All that piece and parcel of land commencing at the intersection of the east boundary of the Waratah Coal Company's measured portion No. 337 of 229 acres 2 roods and of the north boundary of Thomas Adams' measured portion No. 178 of 54 acres by the Hartley Vale Railway, following that railway in a generally north-easterly direction to its intersection by south-eastern, southern, and south-western boundaries of the Great Northern Railway,—being generally of a rectangular width of two chains, and known as part of the Hartley Vale Railway.

### HARTLEY VALE RAILWAY (Part II).

## Description.

Parish of Newcastle, county of Northumberland and Colony of New South Wales: All that piece and parcel of land commencing at the intersection of north-western, northeastern, northern, and north-western boundaries of the Great Northern Railway by the Hartley Vale Railway, following that railway in a generally northerly direction to its intersection with the south-eastern boundary of the area resumed (vide Gazette, 14th May, 1895) from the Australasia Coal Company's Railway,—being generally of a rectangular width of two chains, and known as a part of the Hartley Vale Railway.

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## HARTLEY VALE RAILWAY (Part III).

## Description.

Parish of Newcastle, county of Northumberland and Colony of New South Wales: All that piece and parcel of land commencing at the intersection of the north-western boundary of the area resumed from the Australasian Coal Company's Railway (vide Gazette, 14th May, 1895) by the Hartley Vale Railway, following that railway in a generally northerly direction to its intersection of the north side of Brisbane-road,—being generally of a rectangular width of two chains, and known as a part of the Hartley Vale Railway.

# HARTLEY VALE RAILWAY (Part IV).

#### Description.

Parish of Newcastle, county of Northumberland and Colony of New South Wales: All that piece and parcel of land commencing at the intersection of the north side of Brisbane-road by the Hartley Vale Railway, following that railway in generally northerly and north-easterly directions to its intersection of the south boundary of H. Dangar's measured portion No. 137 of 39 acres 32 perches,—being generally of a rectangular width of one chain, and known as part of the Hartley Vale Railway.

#### SCHEDULE C.

## AUSTRALASIA COAL COMPANY'S RAILWAY.

#### Description.

Parish of Newcastle, county of Northumberland and Colony of New South Wales: All that piece and parcel of land commencing at the intersection of the south side of Russell-road by the Australasia Coal Company's Railway, following that railway in a north-easterly direction to its intersection of the western building line of Tocal-road,—being generally of a rectangular width of one chain or sixty-six feet, and known as part of the Australasia Coal Company's Railway.