

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1917.

A BILL

To amend the Pastures Protection Act, 1912 ;
to validate certain payments made by pastures
protection boards ; and for purposes incidental
thereto.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty,
by and with the advice and consent of the Legis-
lative 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 “ Pastures Protection Short title.
(Amendment) Act, 1917.”

Amendments of the Act.

2. The Pastures Protection Act, 1912, is amended as follows:—

(a) Subsection two of section twenty-four is repealed, and the following subsection inserted in lieu thereof:—

Amendments of Act.

Sec. 24 (2) repealed, new subsection substituted.

(2) Moneys forming part of such fund may be applied by the board of the district—

Purposes to which funds may be applied.

(a) to the payment of any expenses of, or incidental to, the administration of this Act by the board, or to the payment of any costs or expenses incurred in accordance with the provisions of this Act; and

(b) if approved by the Minister, to—

(i) clearing noxious weeds, ringbarking and suckering, fencing, providing water on and otherwise improving travelling stock and camping reserves;

(ii) any other purpose.

(b) Section one hundred and thirty-two is repealed and the following section inserted in lieu thereof:—

Section 132.

132. (1) Only one fire-brand, one paint or tar "owner's brand," and one owner's ear-mark shall be allotted to each sheepowner for each run held by him, provided that if two or more such runs adjoin they shall be deemed one run.

Brands allotted to each owner.

(2) Sheepowners may use any number of distinctive marks to denote the age or class of their sheep, provided that such distinctive marks shall not be on the same ear as the owner's recorded ear-mark.

(3) The proprietor of any brand or ear-mark referred to in subsection one of this section may transfer such brand or ear-mark only to a subsequent owner or occupier on his own behalf of the run to which such brand or ear-mark has been allotted.

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The proprietor of any distinctive mark referred to in subsection two which has been duly recorded as hereinafter provided, may transfer such distinctive mark to any person.

(4) To give effect to any such transfer the proprietor shall join with the person to whom he transfers in a memorandum of transfer, in the prescribed form, and shall deliver or transmit such memorandum, together with the fee prescribed by Schedule Three hereto, to the inspector, who shall make the necessary entries in his record, and deliver or transmit to the transferee a certificate of the transfer.

(5) If such proprietor disposes of or abandons any run owned or occupied by him, and does not make such transfer, the inspector for the district shall cancel the allotment of such brand, ear-mark, or distinctive mark, and notify the Chief Inspector of such cancellation.

The brand, ear-mark, and distinctive mark shall on such cancellation become available for re-allotment.

(6) If such proprietor dies without having made such transfer, the property in such brand, ear-mark, and distinctive mark shall vest in his legal personal representatives for a period of six months after such death. Before the said period elapses such representatives shall, in writing, notify the inspector for the district whether or not they desire to retain the brands and marks, and if they do so desire on whose behalf the retention is to be made. They shall, if they notify that they desire the brands and marks to be retained, forward to the inspector with such notification the prescribed particulars, together with the fee for recording and publishing such brands and marks, according to the scale given in the Third Schedule hereto.

Any brand or mark for the recording of which they do not so remit the scheduled fee shall be available for reallotment.

(c) Section one hundred and thirty-seven is repealed. Section 137.

Validation.

3. All payments made before the passing of this Act by any pastures protection board to any patriotic fund in connection with the present war are hereby validated.

Validation of
certain
payments.