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# A BILL

To amend the Public Roads Act, 1902; to validate certain notifications purporting to be made under the provisions of that Act; and for other purposes incidental thereto.

[MR. ASHFORD;— , 1918.]

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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 "Public Roads Short title. (Amendment) Act, 1918," and shall be read with the Public Roads Act, 1902, hereinafter called the Principal Act.

- Meaning of "description" in s. 7 of the Principal Act. **2.** Where under the provisions of section seven of the Principal Act it is necessary to publish and post a notice giving a description of certain land which it is proposed to resume for the purpose of opening a road, such description shall be deemed sufficient if it gives the information in the form set out in the Schedule hereto. 5
- Validation of certain notices. **3.** All notices purporting to be under the provisions of the abovementioned section published and posted before the commencement of this Act, which but for this Act would be invalid by reason only of the insufficiency 10 of the description of the land proposed to be resumed are hereby declared valid :  
 Provided this section shall not validate such notices where legal proceedings with reference to them have, prior to the date of the introduction of the Bill for this 15 Act, been initiated.
- New s. 6A. **4.** The following new section and short heading are inserted next after section six of the Principal Act :—  
*The Under Secretary for Lands may deal with certain matters on behalf of the Minister.* 20
- Under Secretary may deal with matters. 6A. The Under Secretary shall have power on behalf of the Minister to deal with such matters as may from time to time be prescribed ; and, where in pursuance of this section a decision is given by the Under Secretary on behalf of the Minister, it 25 shall have the same effect as if given by the Minister in person.
- Amendment in Principal Act. **5.** The following amendments are made in the Principal Act :—  
 Sec. 6. Section six : The definition of " chief surveyor " 30 is omitted, and the following is inserted in lieu thereof at the end of the section—" Surveyor-General means the officer of the Department of Lands who bears that designation, or the officer performing his duties for the time being." 35
- Sec. 26. Section twenty-six : Omit " chief surveyor " wherever occurring, and insert " Surveyor-General " in lieu thereof.
- Sec. 30. Section thirty : Omit " chief surveyor," insert " Surveyor-General " in lieu thereof. 40

