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Railways (Construction Validation) Bill, 1928.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

THIS Bill is designed to—

- (1) Validate the construction of certain railway works.
- (2) Validate the acquisition of land for such works.

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

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(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1928.

A BILL

To validate the construction of the lines of railway from Regent's Park to the Enfield Marshalling Yards, from Westmead to the Woollen Mills, from the Woollen Mills to Castle Hill, and from Castle Hill to Rogan's Hill, and the widening of the Main Suburban line, Sydney to Homebush; to validate the taking, acquisition, or purchase of land for the purposes of the said lines of railway; to vest the said lines of railway and the lands taken or acquired in connection therewith in the Railway Commissioners for New South Wales; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912, and the Government Railways Act, 1912; and for purposes connected therewith.

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:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Railways (Construction Validation) Act, 1928."

Validation of construction, &c.

2. (1) The lines of railway described in the Schedule to this Act and which have already been constructed are hereby declared to be and shall be deemed always to have been authorised works within the meaning of the Public Works Act, 1912.

(2) Land purporting to have been taken, acquired, or purchased under the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1912, or otherwise for the purposes of any of the said lines of railway shall be deemed to have been lawfully taken, acquired, or purchased under the provisions of the said Act for the purposes of such authorised works, and to be duly vested in the Railway Commissioners for New South Wales.

(3) The said lines of railway shall, as from the dates upon which they respectively were opened for traffic, be deemed to have been duly transferred within the meaning of section eleven of the Government Railways Act, 1912, to the said Commissioners.

SCHEDULE.

Regent's Park to Enfield Marshalling Yards Railway.

THIS railway commences by a junction with the Regent's Park to Cabramatta line between Woods and Gascoign roads, and proceeds in a generally easterly direction across Gascoign, Hills, Park, and Dilbong roads, crosses the Sydney Water Supply Pipe Line at Yukka-road and passes about 15 chains to the north of Potts Hill Reservoir, crosses Notting Hill road, and, after passing through the Rookwood Asylum grounds, continues easterly through railway property, and terminates by a junction with the Enfield Marshalling Yards line, being a total distance of 3 miles 20 chains.

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Westmead to Woollen Mills Railway.

This branch leaves the Main Western Line at 15 miles 57 chains from Sydney, a short distance beyond Westmead railway station, in the parish of St. John, county of Cumberland; it then bears north-westerly through portion 92, then curves northerly through portion 91 and easterly through portions 90 and 89, crosses a road 100 links wide at the junction with Old Windsor road, still bearing easterly and north-easterly through the grounds of the Hospital for the Insane, crossing Toongabbie Creek; thence through portion 8, crossing a road 100 links wide; thence through portions 7, 6, and 5, crossing a road 100 links wide; thence through portions 4 and 3, then curves northerly, crossing Brien's-road to junction with the tramway line along the Windsor-road from Parramatta to Castle Hill at mileage 17 miles 54 chains from Sydney, being a total distance of 1 mile 77 chains.

15 *Woollen Mills to Castle Hill Railway.*

This line continues along the Windsor-road from the junction of the railway line Westmead to Woollen Mills, at 17 miles 54 chains from Sydney, in the parish of Field of Mars, county of Cumberland, bearing in a general north and north-easterly direction to Baulkham Hills. At 19 miles 66 chains it deviates northerly through lots 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 of section 1, D.P. 2,489, crosses Railway-street, thence through lots 32, 31, 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19, and 18 of section 2, D.P. 2,489, to 20 miles 11 chains, thence along the Main Northern road, bearing in a general north-easterly direction to and thence in the parish of Castle Hill, county of Cumberland, to Castle Hill terminus, at 22 miles 35 chains from Sydney, being a total distance of 4 miles 61 chains.

Castle Hill to Rogan's Hill Railway.

This railway commences at the Woollen Mills to Castle Hill Railway terminus at 22 miles 35 chains from Sydney, in the parish of Castle Hill, county of Cumberland, then bears easterly through lots 59, 58, and 57 of D.P. 10,635, and lots 56, 34, 55, 54, and 53 of D.P. 10,761, then curves south-easterly through lots 52, 51, 50, 49, 35, 36, 37, 48, 47, and 46 of D.P. 10,761, then curves easterly through lots 45, 44, 43, 42, 41, 40, 39, and 38 of D.P. 10,761, then curves northerly through portion 137, then north-easterly to and thence in the parish of South Colah, county of Cumberland, through portion 248, terminating at 23 miles 22 chains from Sydney, being a total distance of 67 chains.

Sydney to Homebush.

40 The widening of the Main Suburban line and works ancillary thereto.