

Water (Costs Declaratory) Bill, 1923.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

THE Bill is required to authorise the reduction in the capital costs of the Tuckean, Newrybar, and Mooball and Crabbe's Creek Swamps Drainage Trusts.

The reduction is proposed in the case of Tuckean and Newrybar because of the very considerable appreciation in value of certain Crown lands following directly as a consequence of the construction of the Trust's works. The reduction is proposed in the case of Mooball and Crabbe's Creek to give effect to the recommendation of a Commissioner appointed by the Minister to inquire into the efficacy of the Trust works and the necessary financial adjustments which should equitably be made.

The remainder of the Bill deals merely with the necessary machinery to effect the required adjustments.

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1923.

A BILL

To declare the cost of works of certain Drainage Trusts ; 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 :—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Water (Costs Short title. Declaratory) Act, 1923."

2. The cost of the works constructed for the Tuckean ^{Newrybar and Tuckean} Swamp Drainage Trust is hereby declared to be ten ^{Swamps} thousand pounds, and the cost of the works constructed for the Newrybar Swamp Drainage Trust is hereby ^{Drainage} declared to be nine thousand seven hundred and seventy ^{Trusts.} pounds

pounds twelve shillings and seven pence. Such costs shall in the case of the former trust be substituted for the amount named in the notification in relation to the said trust published in the Government Gazette, number one hundred and nine, of the twenty-ninth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, as from the nineteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the case of the latter trust be substituted for the amount named in the notification in relation to the said trust published in the Government Gazette, number seventy-one, of the twentieth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, as from the eighteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

3. For the purposes of this Act the Minister shall cause to be made such adjustment of the instalments due and payable by the respective trusts and such adjustment of the rates due and payable by the ratepayers for any period prior to or current at the commencement of this Act, and shall cause such trusts and ratepayers to be notified in writing of such adjustment, and the amount of the instalments and rates so notified shall be due and payable by the trusts and ratepayers respectively. Every written notice of adjustment signed by any officer of the Minister authorised in that behalf shall be final and conclusive.

Adjustment of instalments and rates.

4. The cost of the original work constructed for the Mooball and Crabbe's Creek Swamp Drainage Trust is hereby declared to be seven thousand seven hundred and twenty-one pounds seven shillings and eight pence. Such cost shall as from the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, be substituted for the amount named in a notification in relation to the said trust published in the Government Gazette, number one hundred and eighty-four, of the sixteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

Mooball and Crabbe's Creek Swamp Drainage Trust.

5. Any Gazette notice, assessment, rate notices or other instrument which is inconsistent with this Act, or any adjustment made in accordance therewith, shall, to the extent of such inconsistency, be and be deemed to be null and of no effect.

Amendment of Gazette notices, &c.