

No. , 1918.

A BILL

To authorise the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board to levy rates on the unimproved value of ratable lands, and to adopt certain valuations for certain periods ; to provide for catchment areas ; to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916, the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906, and the Valuation of Land Act, 1916 ; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

[MR. BALL ;— *October, 1918.*]

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 :—

5

Preliminary.

- Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as the "Water and Sewerage (Rating) Act, 1918."
- Definitions. **2.** (1) In this Act,—
 "The Metropolitan Board" means the Board of 10
 Water Supply and Sewerage constituted under
 the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts,
 1880–1916.
 "The Hunter District Board" means the Hunter
 District Water Supply and Sewerage Board. 15
 (2) In this Act the unimproved value of land shall
 have the same meaning as in the Valuation of Land
 Act, 1916.

Rating.

- Rates on unimproved value. **3.** (1) All rates which the Metropolitan Board is en- 20
 titled to make and levy may, at the option of such board,
 be made and levied wholly on the unimproved value of
 ratable lands, and for that purpose the said board shall
 until a valuation list including such lands has been
 furnished to it under the Valuation of Land Act, 1916, 25
 adopt the valuation thereof by the Municipal Council
 of Sydney, or by the council of the municipality or shire
 in which such lands are situated, as the case may be.
 (2) The valuation of any land made by the council
 of the municipality or shire in which such land is 30
 situated, or under the Valuation of Land Act, 1916, as
 the case may be, and in force on the first day of July in
 each year, may be adopted by the said board for the
 purpose of levying rates for water and sewerage during
 the period of twelve months ending on the thirtieth day 35
 of the June following, notwithstanding any alteration or
 amendment of any such valuation during that period :
 Provided

Provided that the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the valuation of any land within the boundaries of the city of Sydney as set out in the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and any Act amending that Act.

5 **4.** All rates which the Hunter District Board is Rates on unimproved value. entitled to make and levy may, at the option of such board, be made and levied wholly on the unimproved value of ratable lands, and for that purpose the said board may, until a valuation list including such lands 10 has been furnished to it under the Valuation of Land Act, 1916, cause an assessment to be made of such unimproved value in the manner provided by the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906, in respect of the assessment of net annual value, or 15 if in the opinion of the said board the valuation then in force of the council of any municipality or shire fairly represents the unimproved value of any ratable land, then the said board may adopt such valuation without causing a valuation to be made.

20 The provisions of the said Acts relating to valuations by the board of the net annual value of lands and to appeals therefrom shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to valuations by the board of the unimproved value of lands.

25 **5.** The Valuation of Land Act, 1916, is amended as Amendment of Valuation of Land Act; follows:— 1916.

(a) In subsection one of section fifty-eight insert at the end thereof the following new paragraph:—

30 (c) The unimproved value for the purposes of any Act imposing any rate or tax on the unimproved value.

(b) In section sixty add the following at the end of paragraph (c):—" Except where such rating 35 or taxing is on the unimproved value."

Catchment areas.

6. Notwithstanding the provisions of section twenty-seven of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, the Governor, by proclamation published in the 40 Gazette, may revoke and cancel the proclamation of the metropolitan Proclamation of catchment areas.

metropolitan catchment area published in pursuance of that section in the Gazette of sixth July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty, and from time to time proclaim and define the boundaries of a catchment area or catchment areas for the purpose of supplying water to any places or districts. 5

Amendment of section thirty-four of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880.

Amendment
of s. 34 (4).

7. Section thirty-four, subsection four, of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, is amended as follows:—

- (a) By inserting after the words "such valuation" the following proviso:—
"Provided that if in any municipality, shire, place, or district, a rate equal to the aforesaid amount would, if levied, raise a less sum than the interest payable upon the capital cost of the water supply works by which such municipality, shire, place, or district is supplied and the expenses of the maintenance and management of the same, an additional rate may be imposed by the board to cover as nearly as possible such interest and expenses"; and
- (b) by omitting the word "ten" and substituting in lieu thereof "fifteen" in the last proviso; and
- (c) by adding the following proviso:—
"Provided further that the minimum rate to be paid in respect of vacant lands which are not supplied with water but which are otherwise ratable, shall be two shillings and sixpence per annum." 30
-