

No. , 1921.

A BILL

To provide that rates shall be made and levied by the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage and the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board on the unimproved value of ratable lands; to amend the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916, the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906, the Valuation of Land Act, 1916, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith.

[MR. ESTELL;— 1921.]

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:—

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Preliminary.

- Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as the "Water and Sewerage (Rating) Act, 1921."
- 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
constituted under the Hunter District Water
and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906.
- (2) For the purposes of this Act the unimproved
value of land means the unimproved value of the land
as stated in a valuation list issued under the Valuation 20
of Land Act, 1916, and in the case of land not included
in any such valuation list, means, as regards land in the
city of Sydney, the unimproved value of the land as
ascertained in accordance with the provisions of the
Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, and any Act amending 25
the same, and, as regards land outside the city of Sydney,
means the unimproved value of the land as ascertained
in accordance with the provisions of the Local Govern-
ment Act, 1919, and any Act amending the same:
Provided that the valuation in force on the thirty-first 30
day of December immediately preceding the making of
a rate upon the unimproved value, or the making of an
estimate by the Government Statistician under section
four, shall be the valuation to be adopted for the purpose
of making such rate or estimate. 35

Rating.

- Rates to be made on unimproved value. **3.** All rates which the Metropolitan Board and the Hunter District Board are entitled to make and levy shall be made and levied wholly on the unimproved value of ratable lands. **4.** 40

4. The rates to be made and levied by the said boards on the unimproved value of land under this Act shall not exceed such maximum amounts in the pound of such value as the Governor may fix by notification in the Gazette for each of the said boards. Such maximum rates shall be so fixed upon the certificate of the Government Statistician that they are estimated by him to produce such revenues during the first year of their operation as will reasonably approximate to that which would be produced by levying on the annual value of ratable lands the maximum rates which, under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880-1916, and the Hunter District Water and Sewerage Acts, 1892-1906, respectively, could have been levied at the date of the said estimate if this Act had not been passed: Provided that nothing in this Act shall affect the right of the said boards respectively to levy the minimum rates which they were authorised to levy prior to the passing of this Act.
5. This Act shall come into operation in regard to the said boards respectively upon dates to be fixed by the Governor by proclamation in the Gazette.

Maximum
rates.

Date when
Act comes
into opera-
tion.