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Wyangala Dam Hydro-electric Development (Construction) Bill.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

THIS Bill authorises the construction by the Minister for Public Works as Constructing Authority under the Public Works Act, 1912, of hydro-electric works at Wyangala Dam and other subsidiary works. The works are to be controlled and administered as part of the Southern Electricity Supply under the Southern Electricity (Administration) Act, 1942.

Provision is also made for the investment of any balance to the credit of the Working Account in Commonwealth Government securities or on fixed deposit with the Colonial Treasurer.

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No. , 1944.

A BILL

To sanction the construction of hydro-electric works at Wyangala on the Lachlan River with transmission lines and necessary subsidiary works for the distribution of electricity therefrom ; to amend the Southern Electricity (Administration) Act, 1942, and certain other Acts ; to validate certain matters ; 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 "Wyangala Dam Short title. Hydro-electric Development (Construction) Act, 1944."

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2. (1) (a) The carrying out of the work described in the Schedule to this Act is hereby sanctioned.

Works sanctioned.

(b) The said work shall be deemed to be an authorised work within the meaning of the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Acts.

(c) The Minister for Public Works is empowered to carry out the said work and shall be the constructing authority for the same within the meaning of the said Act, and shall enter into such contracts and take all such necessary steps for the proper execution thereof as such authority may think proper.

(d) The provisions of the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Acts, sections thirty-four, thirty-five, thirty-six and thirty-seven excepted, shall apply to and in respect of the said work.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection one of this section the provisions of section thirty-eight of the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Acts, shall apply to and in respect of any contracts referred to in paragraph (c) of subsection one of this section.

3. The plan of the said work is the plan marked "Wyangala Hydro-electric Construction" signed by the Minister for Public Works and countersigned by the Chief Engineer, Department of Public Works, and deposited in the public office of the said Minister.

The plan.

4. The cost of carrying out the said work, exclusive of land resumptions, is estimated at three hundred and ninety thousand pounds and such estimated cost shall not in any circumstances be exceeded by more than ten per centum.

Cost.

5. (1) The Southern Electricity (Administration) Act, 1942, is amended—

Amendment of Act No. 3, 1942.

(a) by inserting next after paragraph (f) of section six the following new paragraph:—

Sec. 6. (Works controlled by the Administrator.)

(f1) the works constructed pursuant to the Wyangala Dam Hydro-electric Development (Construction) Act, 1944.

(b)

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(b) by inserting next after subsection two of section seven the following new subsection:—

Sec. 7.
(Adminis-
trator may
generate and
supply
electricity
and enter
into con-
tracts.)

5 (2A) The provisions of subsection seven of section four hundred and eighteen of the Local Government Act, 1919, as amended by subse-
10 quent Acts, shall not apply and shall be deemed never to have applied to any contract made pur-
suant to subsection two of this section for the supply of electricity in bulk or to any contract
made before the commencement of this Act be-
tween the Minister for Public Works and any
municipal, shire or county council for the supply
of electricity in bulk from the works.

(c) by inserting at the end of subsection two of section thirteen the following new paragraph:—

Sec. 13.
(Allocation
of moneys.)

15 (d) Any balance may, pending application thereof in accordance with paragraph (c) of this subsection, be invested in whole or in part in
20 Commonwealth Government securities or on fixed deposit with the Colonial Treasurer, and interest accruing from such investments or such deposit shall be added to the Working Account.

(2) The Southern Electricity (Administration) Act, 1942, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the
25 Southern Electricity (Administration) Act, 1942-1944.

SCHEDULE.

Sec. 2. 1

30 A hydro-electric power station having a maximum capacity of about 7,000 kilowatts at the Wyangala Dam; high tension transmission lines from Wyangala to Cowra, from Cowra to Orange, from Cowra to Forbes and thence to Parkes, and from Parkes to a point (to be
35 agreed upon between the Minister for Public Works and The Commissioner for Railways) on The Commissioner for Railways' electric transmission line from Lithgow to Dubbo; sub-stations at Wyangala, Cowra, Forbes, Parkes and at such other places as the Minister for Public Works may deem necessary for or in connection with any of the aforesaid high tension transmission lines.

The works to be subject to such modification and deviations as the Minister for Public Works may deem necessary.
