

Sydney Water Supply (Cataract River Dam).

Act No. 87, 1902.

SYDNEY WATER
SUPPLY (CATARACT
RIVER DAM).

An Act to sanction the construction of a concrete dam, and the necessary work in connection therewith, across the Cataract River, about half a mile below its junction with the Cataract Creek, in conjunction with the Sydney Water Supply system, and to vest the said work in the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage. [27th October, 1902.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900, the Legislative Assembly did, by resolution, declare that it was expedient to carry out a certain work, namely, the construction of a dam across the Cataract River, about half a mile below its junction with Cataract Creek, as designed by the Principal Engineer for Harbours and Rivers, one hundred and sixty feet high, to impound eighteen thousand two hundred million gallons of water: And whereas on the passing of the said resolution a statutory duty was by the said Act imposed upon the Secretary for Public Works to introduce a Bill into the said Assembly to sanction the carrying out of the said work: Be it therefore 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 "Sydney Water Supply (Cataract River Dam) Act, 1902," and shall be construed with the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts, 1880–1889, and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act Extension Act of 1894.

Work sanctioned.

2. The carrying out of the said work, more particularly described in the Schedule to this Act, is hereby sanctioned; and the Secretary for Public Works, or the Member of the Executive Council for the time being performing the duties of the said Secretary, is hereby authorised to undertake and carry out the said work, subject to the provisions of this Act, and for that purpose shall be, and have the powers and duty of, a "Constructing Authority" within the meaning of the Public Works Act, 1900.

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3. The plan of the said work is the plan marked "Sydney Plan of work. Water Supply, plan showing proposed dam on Cataract River," signed by the Secretary for Public Works and countersigned by the Principal Engineer for Water Supply and Sewerage, and deposited in the public office of the said Secretary.

4. The cost of carrying out the said work, estimated at two Cost and how to be hundred and seventeen thousand five hundred pounds, may be defrayed defrayed. from such Loan Votes as are now or shall hereafter be applicable to the purpose aforesaid, but shall not, under any circumstances, exceed the estimated cost by more than ten per centum.

5. On the completion of the said work the Governor shall forth- Work vested in with notify the same in the Gazette, and upon such notification the Metropolitan Water property in the said work shall, by virtue of this Act alone, be vested and Sewerage Board. in the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage constituted under the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Acts 1880-1889, for and on behalf of His Majesty.

SCHEDULE.

Concrete dam for impounding water for the supply of Sydney.

1. The construction of a concrete dam across the Cataract River, about half a mile below its junction with Cataract Creek, having a height of one hundred and sixty feet above the bed of the river, and to impound about eighteen thousand two hundred million gallons of water.

2. The construction of waste weir and outlet works.

3. The clearing and cleansing of the area that will be covered by the impounded water.

The whole is subject to such deviations and modifications as may be considered desirable by the Constructing Authority.