

HYDRO-ELECTRIC DEVELOPMENT (CONSTRUCTION) ACT.

Act No. 48, 1919.

An Act to sanction the construction of hydro-electric works at Barren Jack, on the Tumut River and its tributaries, and on the Nymboida River, with transmission lines and necessary subsidiary works for the distribution of electricity therefrom; to amend the Public Works Act, 1912; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto. [Assented to, 23rd December, 1919.]

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No. 48.

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 "Hydro-electric Development (Construction) Act, 1919." Short title.

2. The carrying out of the works more particularly described in the Schedule is hereby sanctioned, and the said works shall be deemed to be authorised works for the purposes of the Public Works Act, 1912, and the provisions of the said Act, save as provided by this Act, shall apply thereto.

3. The provisions of sections thirty-four, thirty-five, thirty-six, and thirty-seven of the Public Works Act, 1912, shall not apply to the said works, but the provisions of section thirty-eight shall apply to any contracts for carrying out such works.

4. The plan of the said works is the plan marked "New South Wales Hydro-Electric Development, 1919," signed by the Minister for Public Works, and countersigned by the Chairman of the Hydro-Electric Development Committee, and deposited in the public office of the said Minister.

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George V. **No. 48.** **Cost.** **5.** The cost of carrying out the said works, exclusive of land resumptions, estimated at nine hundred thousand pounds, may be defrayed from such Loan Votes as are now or may hereafter be applicable to that purpose, or from appropriations of the Public Works Fund, or partly from such votes and partly from such appropriations, and shall not under any circumstances exceed the estimated cost by more than ten per centum.

Works may be constructed on roads, &c. **6.** Electric transmission lines, conduits, and other works may be placed or carried on, over, through, under, along, across, or by the side of any lands, street, public road, highway, bridge, viaduct, railway, waters, or watercourse.

Easements. **7.** For the purposes of this Act, the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1912, as amended by the Government Railways (Amendment) Act, 1916, relating to the acquisition of land and of easements or rights to use the subsoil or under-surface of land shall also apply to the acquisition of all other easements, rights, or privileges in, over, or affecting any land.

SCHEDULE.

THE scheme comprises:—

1. The construction of a hydro-electric power station on the Murrumbidgee River near the Barren Jack reservoir.
2. The construction of power stations on the Tumut River or its tributaries.
3. The construction of a power station at or near the Nymboida River in the vicinity of Nymboida township.
4. The construction of dams, storage reservoirs, conduits, pipe lines, supplementary power stations, 550 miles approximately of electric transmission lines, sub-stations, and other appurtenances in connection with the above works.

The whole to be subject to such modifications and deviations as the Constructing Authority may deem expedient.

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