

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS (SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY) ACT.

Act No. 33, 1922.

An Act to authorise the Railway Commissioners for New South Wales to generate and supply electricity; to amend the Government Railways Act, 1912, and certain other Acts; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 24th November, 1922.]

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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. (1) This Act may be cited as the “Government Railways (Supply of Electricity) Act, 1922.” Short title.

(2) In this Act the expression “the Principal Act” means the Government Railways Act, 1912, as amended by subsequent Acts.

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New s. 52A of
Principal Act.

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sioners may
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electricity.

2. The Principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new section next after section fifty-two :—

52A. (1) The Commissioners may generate and supply electricity for any purpose, and may enter into all such contracts for such supply in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as they may think proper.

(2) The Commissioners shall not supply electricity within the City of Sydney, or any area as defined in the Local Government Act, 1919, without the consent of the council of the said city or area (which consent the council is hereby empowered to give):

Provided that as regards supply to works, buildings, or industrial undertakings the property of the Crown or of any statutory body representing the Crown situate or in operation within any such city or area, the consent of the council shall not be necessary:

Provided also that no council which has entered into an agreement with the Municipal Council of Sydney or the council of the City of Newcastle for the supply of electricity shall during the currency of the agreement have power to give such consent except with the concurrence of the Municipal Council of Sydney or the council of the City of Newcastle as the case may be.

(3) The council of the said city or of any such area or of a county district may contract with the Commissioners for a supply of electricity to such council and upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon.

(4) All contracts entered into by the Commissioners before the commencement of the Government Railways (Supply of Electricity) Act, 1922, for the supply of electricity shall, if the said contracts would have been valid if made after such commencement, be and be deemed to have been valid and effectual from the making of such contracts, and all things done by the parties to such contracts in pursuance thereof are hereby ratified and confirmed.

3. The Principal Act is further amended—

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- (a) by omitting from section fifty-three the words “the next preceding section” where firstly occurring and inserting in lieu thereof the words “of this Part”;
Amendment of Principal Act, s. 53.
- (b) by omitting from the same section the words “and the next preceding section” occurring in the proviso and inserting in lieu thereof the word “Part”;
- (c) by omitting from the same section the words “and the said section” at the end and inserting in lieu thereof the word “Part”;
- (d) by adding to subclause (b) at the end the words “or for the supply of electricity.”

4. The Principal Act is further amended by the insertion in section fifty-four after the word “traction” of the words “or supply.”
Amendment of Principal Act, s. 54.

5. The Principal Act is further amended by inserting after section fifty-four the following new section :—
New s. 54A of Principal Act.

54A. Any person who negligently breaks or injures the works or any part thereof shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds.
Penalty for injury to works.

6. The Principal Act is further amended by adding at the end of section fifty-seven the words “or the supply of electricity.”
Amendment of Principal Act, s. 57.