

**MAIN ROADS (AMENDMENT) ACT.**

**New South Wales**



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**Act No. 12, 1973.**

An Act to relieve councils of the obligation to make certain contributions under the Main Roads Act, 1924; to extend the powers of The Commissioner for Main Roads to deal with land; for these and other purposes to amend the Main Roads Act, 1924, and the Transport (Division of Functions) Act, 1932; to repeal the King's Cross Tunnel Act, 1941; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 10th April, 1973.]

**BE**

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**No. 12, 1973** **BE** it enacted by the Queen'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 "Main Roads (Amendment) Act, 1973".

**Amendment of Act No. 24, 1924.** 2. The Main Roads Act, 1924, is amended—

**Sec. 2.** (a) (i) by inserting in section 2 next after the matter relating to Part I the following new matter :—

**PART IA.—THE COMMISSIONER FOR MAIN ROADS—ss. 4A–4C.**

(ii) by inserting in section 2 next after the matter relating to Part VIC the following new matter :—

**PART VID.—LEASING OF LAND AND ERECTION AND LEASING OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES—ss. 31G–31I.**

**New Part IA.** (b) by inserting next after Part I the following new Part :—

**PART IA.**

**THE COMMISSIONER FOR MAIN ROADS.**

**Commissioner to continue as corporation.**

4A. (1) The Commissioner for Main Roads appointed under the Transport (Division of Functions) Act, 1932, is a corporation sole with the corporate name "The Commissioner for Main Roads" and is, notwithstanding the repeal of sub-section (1) of section 6 of that Act, a continuation

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of, and the same legal entity as, the corporation No. 12, 1973  
constituted by that subsection immediately before  
its repeal.

(2) The corporation continued by subsection (1)—

- (a) has perpetual succession;
- (b) shall have an official seal;
- (c) may take proceedings and be proceeded against in its corporate name;
- (d) may, subject to this Act, purchase, exchange, take on lease, hold, dispose of by way of lease or sale and otherwise deal with property;
- (e) may do and suffer all other things that corporations generally may, by law, do and suffer and that are necessary for or incidental to the purposes for which it is constituted; and
- (f) is, for the purpose of any Act, a statutory body representing the Crown.

(3) In the exercise or performance of any power, authority, duty or function conferred or imposed on him by or under this or any other Act, the Commissioner is subject to the direction and control of the Minister.

(4) All courts and persons acting judicially—

- (a) shall take judicial notice of the official seal of the Commissioner that has been affixed to an instrument or document; and
- (b) shall, until the contrary is proved, presume that the seal was properly affixed.

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Specific powers of the Commissioner with respect to land.

4B. Without prejudice to the generality of section 4A, the powers conferred on the Commissioner by that section may be exercised—

- (a) in relation to land or any stratum of land, whether divided horizontally, vertically or otherwise; and
- (b) whether by reservation or assurance, with respect to any estate, interest, easement, right, power or privilege in, or relating to land or any stratum of land.

Protection of third parties.

4C. If the Commissioner exercises or performs a power, authority, duty or function otherwise than in accordance with any directions given pursuant to subsection (3) of section 4A, the exercise or performance of the power, authority, duty or function is not, on that account, invalidated.

Sec. 10.  
(County of Cumberland Main Roads Fund.)

(c) by inserting next after section 10 (1) (d) the following new paragraph :—

- (d1) the proceeds of any lease or other dealing with land that is prescribed land within the meaning of Part VIb and is within an area or part of an area to which this Part applies;

Subst. sec. 11.

(d) by omitting section 11 and by inserting instead the following section :—

Councils remain liable for certain contributions.

11. To the extent to which, immediately before the commencement of the Main Roads (Amendment) Act, 1973, a council was liable to pay a contribution to the County of Cumberland Main Roads Fund pursuant to a requisition made under this section as enacted before that commencement, being a requisition made in respect of any period that preceded 1st January, 1972, the council is liable to pay the contribution as if that Act had not been enacted but is not liable to pay any such contribution pursuant to any other requisition.

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- (e) by inserting next after section 12 (1E) the following new subsection :—

(1F) The County of Cumberland Main Roads Fund may be used by the Commissioner for the costs and expenses incurred in exercising his powers under Part VI<sup>D</sup> in respect of land that is within an area or part of an area to which this Part applies.

Sec. 12.  
(Use of  
fund.)

- (f) by inserting next after section 20 (1) (c) the following new paragraph :—

(c1) the proceeds of any lease or other dealing with land that is prescribed land within the meaning of Part VI<sup>D</sup> and is within an area or part of an area to which this Part applies;

Sec. 20.  
(Country  
Main Roads  
Fund.)

- (g) by inserting next after section 21 (1D) the following new subsection :—

(1E) The Country Main Roads Fund may be used by the Commissioner for the costs and expenses incurred in exercising his powers under Part VI<sup>D</sup> in respect of land that is within an area or part of an area to which this Part applies.

Sec. 21.  
(Expendi-  
ture.)

- (h) (i) by inserting in section 24 (1) after the word "subsection" the words "or subsection (1A)";
- (ii) by inserting next after section 24 (1) the following new subsection :—

(1A) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the Commissioner shall not require a council of a city, municipality or shire, or a group of councils of a city, municipality or shire, to contribute to the cost of any work of construction or maintenance in respect of which assistance

Sec. 24.  
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tion by  
councils.)

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is or has been granted by the Commissioner where the work was, or is, carried out after 31st December, 1971, on a main road (including a trunk road) within an area or part of an area to which this Part applies.

New Part  
VIb.

- (i) by inserting next after Part VIC the following new Part :—

## PART VIb.

LEASING OF LAND AND ERECTION AND LEASING OF  
BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES.Land to  
which Part  
VIb applies.

31G. (1) In this Part “prescribed land” means land declared, pursuant to subsection (2), to be prescribed land for the purposes of this Part.

(2) On the recommendation of the Commissioner, the Governor may, by proclamation published in the Gazette, declare that any specified land or stratum of land vested in the Commissioner is prescribed land for the purposes of this Part.

(3) Sections 232 and 233 of the Local Government Act, 1919, do not apply to or in respect of any part of prescribed land.

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sioner  
may  
exercise  
certain  
powers in  
relation to  
prescribed  
land.

31H. The Commissioner may—

- (a) lease or otherwise deal with prescribed land or any part thereof for the purpose of enabling a building, structure, fixture or improvement in respect of which Parts XI and XIIA of the Local Government Act, 1919, have been complied with to be placed or erected thereon;
- (b) place or erect or cause to be placed or erected on prescribed land any such building, structure, fixture or improvement;

(c)

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- (c) lease or otherwise deal with any building, No. 12, 1973 structure, fixture or improvement on prescribed land; or
- (d) exercise in relation to prescribed land not leased or otherwise dealt with by him under paragraph (a), (b) or (c) any other power conferred on him by or under this or any other Act with respect to land acquired by him.

31I. (1) Subject to this section, the Commissioner or a person authorised by him may enter upon or above or below the surface of a public road that is not within prescribed land and there place, erect, keep, maintain and repair a structure, fixture or improvement that, in the opinion of the Commissioner, is reasonably necessary for, or incidental to, the placing or erection on prescribed land of a building, structure, fixture or improvement referred to in section 31H.

Certain works may be located in public road.

(2) Subject to this section, the Commissioner or authorised person referred to in subsection (1) may, for the purpose of exercising the powers conferred by that subsection, excavate and remove spoil from a public road and may do any other thing upon, above or below the surface of the public road that, in the opinion of the Commissioner, is reasonably necessary for or incidental to, the exercise of those powers.

(3) The powers conferred by subsection (1) or (2) shall not be exercised in relation to a public road except—

- (a) with the approval of, and in accordance with such conditions as are imposed by, the council of the area in which the public road is situated; and

(b)

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(b) where the powers are exercised by a person other than a person acting on behalf of the Commissioner, in accordance with such conditions as are imposed by the Commissioner.

(4) A council referred to in subsection (3) shall not withhold its approval to the exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (1) or (2) on the ground that they are exercisable in respect of a public road.

(5) The powers conferred on the Governor by section 49 may be exercised in relation to any land that, in the opinion of the Commissioner, should be let on lease or otherwise dealt with to enable a person to do in or upon the land anything that the Commissioner or a person authorised by him would be entitled to do in or on the land pursuant to subsection (1) or (2).

Sec. 63.  
(Debts.)

(j) by omitting section 63 (3).

Amendment  
of Act No.  
31, 1932.

3. The Transport (Division of Functions) Act, 1932, is amended by omitting sections 6 (1), 6 (2) and 6 (5).

Sec. 6.  
(Commis-  
sioner for  
Main  
Roads.)

Repeal of  
Act No. 30,  
1941.

4. The King's Cross Tunnel Act, 1941, is repealed.

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