

Act No. 64, 1900.

An Act to sanction the construction of a line of Railway from Narrabri to Walgett, with branch to Collarendabri; to amend the provisions of the Public Works Act, 1900, so far as they relate to the duty of the Constructing Authority to make and maintain fences along the said line of railway; to authorise the construction of the said line on public roads; and for other purposes. [5th December, 1900.]

NARRABRI
WALGETT AND
COLLARENDABRI
RAILWAY.

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 line of railway from Narrabri to Walgett, with branch to Collarendabri: And whereas on the passing of the said resolution a statutory duty was by the said Act imposed on 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 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:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Narrabri Walgett and Collarendabri Railway Act, 1900."

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 shall have the powers and duties of, a constructing authority within the meaning of the Public Works Act, 1900.

3. The plan of the said work is the plan marked "Narrabri to Walgett Railway, with Branch to Collarendabri," signed by the Secretary for Public Works, and countersigned by the Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction, and deposited in the public office of the said Secretary.

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Narrabri Walgett and Collarendabri Railway.

Cost, how to be defrayed.

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

Constructing Authority not required to fence line.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of section one hundred and six of the Public Works Act, 1900, the Constructing Authority shall not be required nor compelled, nor shall it be the duty of the said Authority to make or maintain any fence along the said line of railway for the accommodation of any person or for any purpose whatsoever, but the said Authority may, in its discretion, make and maintain such fences in connection with the said line of railway as it may think fit.

Line may be constructed along road.

6. The said line of railway may be constructed on or along or by the side of any public road or highway.

SCHEDULE.

Narrabri to Walgett Railway, with a branch to Collarendabri.

THIS line begins at the west end of Narrabri West station, at two hundred and fifty-two miles thirteen chains from Newcastle, and proceeds more or less parallel to and south of the Namoi River at Wee Waa. Here it crosses the river, and follows a course generally parallel to Pian Creek, to within twenty miles of Walgett, where, after passing through Eurie Eurie, the line terminates at the northern side of the Namoi River, at three hundred and fifty-six miles seventy-two chains forty-five links from Newcastle; being a distance of one hundred and four miles fifty-nine chains forty-five links.

The branch to Collarendabri leaves the line described above at Burren, at three hundred and two miles thirty-six chains eighteen links from Newcastle, and takes a north-north-westerly direction to Thalaba Creek, after crossing which it follows generally the boundary between the counties of Denham and Benarba, and crossing the Barwon River reaches Collarendabri at three hundred and fifty-three miles thirty-eight chains ninety links from Newcastle, being a distance of fifty-one miles two chains seventy-two links.

Total length of main line and branch, one hundred and fifty-five miles sixty-two chains seventeen links; the whole being subject to such deviations and modifications as may be considered desirable by the Constructing Authority.