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Act No 28, 2020

An Act to amend the *Transport Administration Act 1988* to authorise the closure of railway lines between Crabbes Creek and Condong and between Casino and Bentley and to retain the land in public ownership. [Assented to 19 October 2020]

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—

1 Name of Act

This Act is the *Transport Administration Amendment (Closures of Railway Lines in Northern Rivers) Act 2020*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.

3 Amendment of Transport Administration Act 1988 No 109

Schedule 7 Savings, transitional and other provisions

Insert at the end of the Schedule—

Part 31 Provisions authorising closure of railway lines in Northern Rivers

228 Closure of railway lines from Crabbes Creek to Condong and from Casino to Bentley

- (1) For the purposes of section 99A, a rail infrastructure owner is authorised to close the whole or any part of the railway line that runs from—
 - (a) Crabbes Creek (Rail KM 909.95) to Condong (Rail KM 938.64), and
 - (b) Old Casino Station Precinct, Casino (Rail KM 806.9) to Back Creek Bridge, Bentley (Rail KM 819.7).

Note. Rail KM is rail kilometrage and measures distance in kilometres from Central Station, Sydney.
- (2) Accordingly, a rail infrastructure owner authorised under this clause may sell or otherwise dispose of the land concerned and remove the railway tracks and other works concerned.

229 Land to remain in public ownership

- (1) The land referred to in clause 228 may be sold or otherwise disposed of only if the transferee is—
 - (a) a transport authority within the meaning of section 94, or
 - (b) a public subsidiary corporation of a transport authority, or
 - (c) a State owned corporation, or
 - (d) the Crown or a person or body acting on behalf of the Crown, or
 - (e) a local council.
- (2) This clause extends to the sale or disposal of the land by a person or body specified in subclause (1).
- (3) This clause does not apply to a lease of the land.

230 Lease of land for certain purposes only

- (1) The land referred to in clause 228 may be leased for recreation, tourism or community and related purposes only.
- (2) This clause extends to the lease of the land by a person or body to whom the land is transferred under clause 229.

- (3) A lease under this clause does not prevent the acquisition of the land in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*.

231 Application

This Part extends to action taken by a rail infrastructure owner before the commencement of this Part.

[Second reading speech made in—
Legislative Assembly on 16 September 2020
Legislative Council on 15 October 2020]