

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.
House of Representatives,
4th November, 1912.

Hon. Mr. Rhodes.

ELLESMERE LANDS DRAINAGE AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Ellesmere Lands Drainage Act, 1905.

Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Ellesmere Lands Drainage Amendment Act, 1912, and shall form part of and be read together with the Ellesmere Lands Drainage Act, 1905 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. (1.) The area of land being the lagoon known as the Ahuriri Lagoon, in the Ellesmere Lands Drainage District, except the rural section numbered 2444 within the said area, and except as hereinafter mentioned, shall be and the same is hereby vested in the Ellesmere Lands Drainage Board.

The Ahuriri Lagoon vested in the Board with power to reclaim and let the same.

(2.) The said Board may from time to time drain and reclaim any part of such area, and any part so drained and reclaimed or partially drained and reclaimed may be leased by the Board for such rent and on such terms and conditions as the Board thinks fit, and such rents shall be applied in or towards the removal of obstructions to the flow of the Halswell River through the said lagoon or in or towards any of the purposes mentioned in the principal Act and in this Act.

3. (1.) The area of land described in the Schedule hereto, being Crown land, and containing eighty-five acres, more or less, is hereby vested in the Ellesmere Lands Drainage Board subject as hereinafter mentioned.

Certain lands vested in the Board.

(2.) The lands vested in the Board pursuant to this section shall be held by the Board as a further endowment to provide funds for the purposes mentioned in the principal Act and in this Act.

Saving of Native rights.

4. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to prejudice or affect any Native fishing-rights which may exist at the time of the passing of this Act connected with the reserve for the use of the aboriginal Natives of the Ngaitahu Tribe for fishing and other purposes, as described in section twenty of the Reserves Disposal and Exchange Act, 1895, with respect to any part of the Ahuriri Lagoon which for the time being is not so drained and reclaimed as aforesaid.

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SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

ALL that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 85 acres, more or less, and situated in Block X, Halswell Survey District, the boundaries whereof are as follow : commencing at a point on the south-eastern side of the road which separates Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block I, of the Subdivision of Reserve 959 from Lot 11, the same point being the northernmost corner of the last-mentioned Lot 11 ; thence north-easterly along the south-eastern side of the said road to the Halswell River, and again north-easterly along the said river to the Ahuriri Lagoon ; thence south-easterly generally along the south-western bank of the Ahuriri Lagoon and the River Halswell to the road on the south-western side of the Halswell Canal ; thence south-easterly along the south-western side of that road to the boundary of Lot 13, Block I, of the Subdivision of Reserve 959 ; thence north-westerly along the north-eastern boundaries of Lots 13, 12, and 11, a distance of 12109.4 links, to the point of commencement.

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