

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,
25th January, 1922.

Hon. Mr. Downie Stewart.

GERALDINE COUNTY RIVER DISTRICT.

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A BILL INTITLED

AN ACT to constitute the Geraldine County River District. 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 Geraldine County River District Act, 1921-22, and shall come into operation on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and *twenty-two*. Short Title and commencement.

2. In this Act—

“District” means the Geraldine County River District hereinafter constituted: Interpretation.

“Board” means the River Board of the district.

3. (1.) The area comprised in the County of Geraldine as existing at the commencement of this Act is hereby constituted a river district under and for the purposes of the River Boards Act, 1908, to be known as the Geraldine County River District. Constitution of district and alteration of boundaries thereof.

(2.) When at any time after the commencement of this Act the boundaries of the County of Geraldine are altered, that alteration shall operate with respect to the district, and the boundaries of the district shall be deemed to be altered accordingly.

4. The River Board of the district shall consist of the members for the time being of the Geraldine County Council. Constitution of River Board.

5. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the River Boards Act, 1908, or any other Act, the Board may, with the consent in writing of the Minister of Public Works, construct certain river protective works in, or on the bank of, that part of the Rangitata River lying within the County of Ashburton. With consent of Minister of Public Works, Board may construct certain works outside district.

Limitation of right
of other local
authorities to
construct
river-works.

6. No local authority or other public body other than the Board shall, except with the consent of the Board, construct any river protective works within the district, and no such local authority or public body shall, without the consent in writing of the Minister of Public Works, construct such works in, or on the bank of, that part of the Rangitata River lying within the County of Ashburton. 5

Revenues of certain
reserves to be paid
to Board.

7. (1.) There shall without further appropriation than this Act be transferred to the Board from the Consolidated Fund on the coming into operation of this Act all moneys being accumulated revenues derived from the reserves described in the *Schedule* hereto. 10

(2.) All revenues thereafter derived from the said reserves shall be paid to the Board by the Receiver of Land Revenue for the Land District of Canterbury in such manner and at such times as the Minister of Lands may direct, and shall not be paid into the Public Account. 15

Regulations.

8. The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make regulations for all or any of the following purposes:—

(a.) Prescribing hydrological and other observations to be made and records to be kept by the Board in respect of all or any of the rivers within the district or under the control of the Board: 20

(b.) Providing for the keeping by the Board of records of damage by flood-waters to lands within the district:

(c.) Prescribing returns to be furnished by the River Board to the Minister of Public Works and the particulars to be specified in such returns: 25

(d.) Generally regulating and controlling the construction by the Board of any river protective works.

Repeals.

9. (1.) The Orari and Waihi Rivers Act, 1918, the Rangitata River Act, 1918, and section one hundred and twenty-two of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies Empowering Act, 1920, are hereby repealed. 30

Certain river
districts abolished.

(2.) The Upper Orari, the South Orari, and the Rangitata Island River Districts, constituted under the River Boards Act, 1908, and the Boards of those districts, are hereby abolished. 35

(3.) All property of such Boards is hereby vested in the Geraldine County River Board, and all liabilities and engagements of such Boards shall become liabilities and engagements of the said Board, and all rates and other moneys payable to any of the Boards so abolished shall become payable to the said Board, and all actions and proceedings which on the abolition of such Boards are pending, or which might thereafter have been instituted by or against any of them had they continued to exist, may be carried on or instituted by or against the Board. 40

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SCHEDULE.

Schedule.

RESERVES IN THE CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT.

Reserve No.	Block.	Survey District.	Area.		
			A.	R.	P.
2746	III	Kapunatiki	115	2	0
2747	"	"	370	0	0
2749	"	"	27	1	0
2750	IV	"	91	2	0
2887	VIII	"	239	0	0
2889	II	"	34	0	0
2890	III	"	38	0	0
2891	IV, VII	Geraldine	39	0	0
2892	VIII	"	200	0	0
2893	"	"	31	0	0
2894	"	"	18	0	0
2895	III	Kapunatiki	57	0	0
2896	"	"	24	0	0
2897	"	"	29	0	0
2898	VIII	Geraldine	135	0	0
2901	IV	Kapunatiki	22	0	0
2748	III	"	29	1	0
2751	"	"	86	0	0
2883	II	"	171	0	0
2884	"	"	164	2	0
2885	IV	Geraldine	21	0	0
2886	"	"	82	0	0
2888	II	Kapunatiki	144	0	0
2899	VIII	Geraldine	57	0	0
2900	XII	"	16	0	0
2879	IV	"	5	1	8