

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, 16th July, 1896.

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

Mr. Montgomery.

LAKE FORSYTH LANDS VESTING.

[LOCAL BILL.]

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to vest certain Lands at Lake Forsyth in the Akaroa County Council. Title.

WHEREAS it is the intention of the Akaroa County Council to erect drainage-works, by which the annually-recurring loss and injury caused by the flood-waters of Lake Forsyth may be prevented: And whereas by such works a considerable area of land now covered by water will be reclaimed: Preamble.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Lake Forsyth Lands Vesting Act, 1896." Short Title.

2. On the passing of this Act, the lands described in the First Schedule hereto shall be and the same are hereby vested for an estate in fee-simple in possession in the Akaroa County Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Council"). Lands to vest in Akaroa County Council.

3. The Governor in Council may grant unto the Council such parts of the lands described in the Second Schedule hereto except as hereinafter mentioned as may at any time be reclaimed or drained, or partially reclaimed or drained. Governor in Council may grant lands to Council.

4. The Council may sell or lease such lands, or any parts thereof, on such conditions as may be approved of by the Governor in Council. Council may sell or lease.

5. The Council shall grant to Her Majesty the Queen such rights over the said lands as may be necessary or desirable for railway purposes. Council shall grant rights for railway purposes.

6. Nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed to prejudice or affect any Native fishing rights which may be in existence at the time of the passing hereof with respect to any part of Lake Forsyth which may not be so reclaimed or drained. and from Native Reserve No. 385, at a point between the railway and the Kakerikawa River, a right of way shall be reserved through the land reclaimed, so that the Natives may get to the waters of the lake. Native fishing rights not affected.

When lands in  
Third Schedule  
become Native  
reserve.

Extent of Reserve  
No. 2533.

Schedules.

*New clauses.*

7. In the event of any parts of the lands in the *Second* Schedule being reclaimed or drained as aforesaid, the lands in the *Third* Schedule hereto shall be and the same are hereby declared a Native reserve.

8. Reserve No. 2533 in the said land district shall be deemed to extend to the lowest level of Lake Forsyth.

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SCHEDULES.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 196 acres, more or less, situated in Block VIII., Ellesmere Survey District. Bounded towards the north-west by railway reserve from a point near the southern boundary of Reserve No. 2426 to the south-western boundary-line of Reserve No. 250; thence towards the south-west by the south-western boundary-line of the said Reserve No. 250 to the road forming the southern boundary of Section No. 23851, Block IV., Ellesmere Survey District; thence towards the north generally by that road; towards the east, south, and south-east generally by the western shore of Lake Forsyth to Section No. 24351; and again towards the south-west by the said Section No. 24351, the crossing of a road, Section No. 24353, and a road, to the place of commencement: excepting from the above-described area all roads and railway reserves, also Native Reserves Nos. 2533 and 2574, and landing-place Reserve No. 2903.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Canterbury Land District, containing by admeasurement 1,540 acres, more or less, being the lake known as Lake Forsyth. Bounded towards the north-west generally by the Christchurch to Little River Railway-line from the eastern boundary-line of Reserve No. 250, Block VIII., Ellesmere Survey District, to Section No. 12884, Block I., Akaroa Survey District, thence by that section to the road fronting Reserve No. 385; thence towards the north-east generally by that road to the Takiritawai Stream, thence by a line across that stream to Section No. 6012, and thence by the said Section No. 6012; thence towards the south-east by the south-eastern shore of Lake Forsyth; and towards the south by the southern shore of Lake Forsyth; and towards the west by Sections Nos. 24352, 24351, Reserves Nos. 2903, 2533, Crown Lands, and Reserve No. 250, to the Christchurch to Little River Railway aforesaid.

*New Schedule.*

THIRD SCHEDULE.

ALL that area in the Canterbury Land District situated in Block I., Akaroa Survey District, the property of Her Majesty the Queen, at Little River, lying on the west side of the Takiritawai River. Bounded by a line commencing at the point where the road bounding Native Reserve No. 385 at its south end joins a road along the banks of the said river, and proceeding thence southward along the said road on the banks of the river to the lowest level (after drainage) of Lake Forsyth; thence along the margin of the said lake at its lowest level westward a distance of 6 chains; thence northward parallel to the said river to a point on a road forming the south boundary of Reserve No. 385; and thence along this road eastward to the starting-point.