

## NASSELLA TUSSOCK AMENDMENT BILL

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill amends the Nassella Tussock Act 1946.

*Clause 1* relates to the Short Title.

*Clause 2* inserts a new section 16A in the principal Act. It authorises County Councils, with the prior consent of the Minister of Agriculture, to enter into an agreement with a private land owner for the doing by him on his property of all acts necessary for the eradication, or prevention of spreading, of nassella tussock. These agreements will make provision for the Council to pay to the owner half of the cost of the work involved if the work is satisfactorily completed within a specified time.

*Clause 3* extends the provisions relating to subsidies so that a Government subsidy of £1 for every £1 expended by a County Council under *clause 2* above will be payable to the Council.

*Hon. Mr Talboys*

## NASSELLA TUSSOCK AMENDMENT

### ANALYSIS

Title	
1. Short Title	2. Agreements between Councils and land owners for eradication of nassella tussock 3. Subsidy on expenditure by Councils for purposes of Act

### A BILL INTITULED

#### An Act to amend the Nassella Tussock Act 1946

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

1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Nassella Tussock Amendment Act 1965, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Nassella Tussock Act 1946\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

- 10 **2. Agreements between Councils and land owners for eradication of nassella tussock**—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 16, the following section:  
15 “16A. (1) Any Council and the owner of any private land in the county may at any time agree in writing that the owner shall do on or in respect of that private land all such acts or things as appear to the Council to be necessary or expedient

\*1957 Reprint, Vol. 10, p. 643  
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for eradicating nassella tussock from that land, or for preventing the spread of nassella tussock from that land to any other land or to that land from any other land.

“(2) Every such agreement shall—

“(a) Specify the estimated cost of the work to be carried 5  
out by the owner and the time within which the  
work is to be completed; and

“(b) Provide for the payment by the Council to the owner  
of an amount equal to half of the estimated cost of  
the work or half of the actual cost of the work, 10  
whichever is the smaller, on the completion of the  
work to the satisfaction of the Council within the  
time specified, or, where in the opinion of the  
Council there was reasonable excuse for any delay  
in the completion of the work, within such 15  
extended time as the Council thinks fit; and

“(c) Provide that if the work is not so completed, any cost  
incurred by the owner shall be borne by him.

“(3) No such agreement shall be entered into by any  
Council without the Council first obtaining the written consent 20  
of the Minister. Any such consent may be given to a Council  
either generally or in respect of any such agreement or class  
of agreements, and may also be given on such terms and  
conditions as the Minister thinks fit.”

### **3. Subsidy on expenditure by Councils for purposes of Act— 25**

Section 17 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing  
subsection (1), and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) Where a Council—

“(a) Expends any money, not being money recoverable  
from an owner of land under section 11 of this Act, 30  
in doing any work for the purpose of controlling  
or eradicating nassella tussock in its county pursuant  
to this Part of this Act; or

“(b) Expends any money pursuant to any agreement  
entered into with an owner of private land under 35  
section 16A of this Act,—

a subsidy computed at the rate of one pound for every  
pound so expended by the Council, or at such other rate as  
the Minister of Finance may determine, shall be payable 40  
to the Council.”