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SOUTH WAIRARAPA RIVER BOARD EMPOWERING.

[LOCAL BILL.]

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to make Provisions incidental to the Carrying-out of River-improvement and River-protection Works by the South Wairarapa River Board. Title.

5 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 South Wairarapa River Board Empowering Act, 1931. Short Title.

10 2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.
“ Local authority ” means any Council, Board, Trustees, Commissioners, company, body, or persons empowered to make and levy rates :

“ District ” means the South Wairarapa River District :

15 “ River Board ” means the South Wairarapa River Board.
3. The River Board shall have power, subject only to the provisions in respect to local authorities herein contained, to execute all such works and do all such things as may in its opinion be necessary to effectively prevent or minimize the flooding of the district either from surface-water or by floods and freshes in any of the rivers or streams within the district. General powers of Board.

20 4. If any works authorized by the River Boards Act, 1908, and its amendments, or by this Act proposed to be carried out by the River Board, will be likely to interfere with any road, bridge, or culvert, or other work Notice to be given to local authority of works likely to interfere with roads, &c.

vested in or under the control of any local authority, or if, in the execution of any such works, the River Board requires to lower or alter any such road, bridge, or culvert, or interfere with any such work, then the River Board shall give not less than fourteen days' notice to such local authority, and therewith shall supply full particulars of the work proposed to be carried out. 5

If no objection to notice, work may proceed.

5. If the River Board does not within the time specified in the notice receive any objection in writing from the local authority to which such notice was given, it may forthwith proceed with or maintain the work.

If objection and no agreement, matter referred to Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department.

6. If any objection is made in writing and an agreement between the River Board and any local authority concerned cannot be reached, the River Board shall refer the matter to the Engineer-in-Chief of the Public Works Department for decision. 10

Engineer-in-Chief to decide.

7. The Engineer-in-Chief, or some other Engineer of the Department appointed by him, after making such inquiry as he thinks fit, shall determine whether the work shall be carried out or maintained as proposed by the River Board with any modifications indicated by him. 15

Decision of Engineer-in-Chief authority for work, &c.

8. If in accordance with the *last preceding* section it is determined that the work, or the work with modifications indicated, should be carried out or maintained, the River Board may forthwith proceed to carry out or maintain the work in accordance with the determination. 20

Authority to contribute to the cost and maintenance of roads, bridges, culverts, &c.

9. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the River Board is hereby authorized to contribute to the cost of the formation or erection or alteration by any local authority of any road, bridge, culvert, or other work and the maintenance thereof where such road, bridge, culvert, or other work is likely to be interfered with or is rendered necessary by any proposed work of the River Board. 25

Exception as to urgent work.

10. Nothing herein shall apply in respect of the carrying-out by the River Board of any urgent work to meet any emergency.

Rating to be on acreage basis.

11. All rates whatsoever of the River Board shall be made and levied on an acreage basis. 30

Power to make, levy, and collect rates.

12. The River Board is hereby empowered to make, levy, and collect on such acreage basis all such rates for all the purposes of and in the manner provided by the River Boards Act, 1908, and its amendments, and the Rating Act, 1925 : 35

Provided that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to affect the power of the River Board to recover in the manner in which they were made and levied any rates made and levied prior to the coming into force of this section.

Commencement of sections 11 and 12.

13. Sections *eleven* and *twelve* of this Act shall come into force on the *first* day of April, nine hundred and thirty-two. 40

Saving.

14. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to affect the rights and powers of the River Board under the River Boards Act, 1908, and its amendments.