

Hon. Mr. Herdman.

WATER-SUPPLY AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Water-supply Act, 1908.

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 Water-supply Amendment Act, 1913, and shall form part of and be read together with the Water-supply Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. Subsection two of section thirty-four of the principal Act is hereby repealed, and the following subsection is substituted in lieu thereof:—

Section 34 of principal Act amended.

“(2.) Every such special rate shall be levied on a graduated scale according to a classification made by the Council of the rateable property within the district or subdivision :

Rates to be on graduated scale.

“ Provided that if the Minister of Internal Affairs, on the request of the Council, and after due inquiry, is satisfied that all the lands liable to be rated will derive practically equal benefit from the works in respect of which the special rate is proposed to be made and levied, he may authorize the Council to make and levy such rate on a uniform scale :

Provided also that nothing herein shall affect any special rate made before the commencement of this Act, notwithstanding that the levy thereof may be after the commencement of this Act.

3. Subsection one of section thirty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following proviso :—

Section 35 of principal Act amended.

“ Provided that the Council shall, before the appointment of such proportions, cause public notice to be given of the respective proportions it proposes to appoint ; and shall, at a meeting of the Council to be held after the expiration of a period of fourteen days from the first publication of such public notice, consider all objections in writing (if any) which have been received by the Council to such proposed proportions.”

Section 38 of
principal Act
amended.

4. Section thirty-eight of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:—

“(3.) All such rates and charges shall be recoverable in the same manner as ordinary rates.”

Managing-
ratepayers may be
appointed.

5. (1.) On receipt by a Council of a requisition signed by a majority of ratepayers supplied by any water-race vested in the Corporation requesting that the management of the water-race be given to managing-ratepayers as hereinafter mentioned, the Council may, by special order, appoint not less than five nor more than seven ratepayers, who shall, on behalf of the Council, have the management of the water-race, and for that purpose shall have and may exercise all or such of the powers of management possessed by the Council as are specified in the special order. 5 10

(2.) A notification in the *Gazette* under the hand of the Chairman of the Council shall be sufficient evidence of the appointment of such managing-ratepayers, and of the powers conferred on them. 15

(3.) Any such special order may from time to time be varied or rescinded by special order.

Repeal.

(4.) This section is in substitution for section forty-nine of the principal Act, and shall be deemed to have been in operation as from the passing of the Water-supply Act Amendment Act, 1898. 20
The said section forty-nine is hereby accordingly repealed.