

WATER AND SOIL CONSERVATION AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 1 relates to the Short Title.

Clause 2 provides that Regional Water Boards may fix an annual charge not exceeding \$10 towards the costs incurred by Boards in monitoring and supervising water rights. No charge is to be made in respect of water that is reasonably required for domestic needs, the needs of animals, or in connection with fire-fighting purposes. Provision is also included for the Crown to make a grant in lieu of the annual charge.

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Hon. W. L. Young

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ANALYSIS

Title	
1. Short Title	2. Annual charge for water rights

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Water and Soil Conservation Act 1967

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 Water and Soil Conservation Amendment Act 1977, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Water and Soil Conservation Act 1967* (hereinafter referred to as the
10 principal Act).

2. Annual charge for water rights—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 24J (as inserted by section 15 of the Water and Soil Conservation Amendment Act (No. 2) 1971), the following section:

*Reprinted 1973, Vol. 2, p. 1703
Amendments: 1974, No. 137; 1976, No. 164

“24κ. (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a Board may charge the holder or user of a right an annual charge not exceeding \$10 towards the costs involved in monitoring and supervising any right granted on application or otherwise lawfully authorised under this Act. 5

“(2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall apply to the taking or use of any natural water that is reasonably required for domestic needs, the needs of animals, or for or in connection with fire-fighting purposes.

“(3) In respect of any development by the Crown, the Crown is hereby authorised to make a grant to the Board in lieu of the annual charge fixed under subsection (1) of this section.” 10