

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.

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WHANGAREI HARBOUR BOARD EMPOWERING.

[LOCAL BILL.]

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to confer certain Powers on the Whangarei Harbour Board. 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 Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Act, 1914. Short Title.

2. This Act shall be deemed to be a special Act within the meaning of the Harbours Act, 1908. Special Act.

3. It shall be lawful for the Whangarei Harbour Board (hereinafter called the Board), subject to the provisions of the Harbours Act, 1908, to construct such harbour-works as the Board may from time to time consider necessary or advisable for the requirements of or for improvements within the Harbour of Whangarei, and dredging, deepening, and widening the channel of the Whangarei River therein, and also to erect and construct all such cranes, sheds, dredges, and works for the improvement of the said harbour as are judged necessary by the Board for the proper navigation of the said harbour, or for the safety, convenience, or reception of vessels resorting to the said harbour, and, if need be, for the more convenient loading and unloading of such vessels, or for the safety and protection of any works constructed or proposed to be constructed by the Board, and for providing proper access to and from such works. Power to construct works.

4. The Board shall have power to borrow, subject to the provisions of the Harbours Act, 1908, and to the provisions of this Act, in addition to any sum it is by any other Act in force authorized to borrow, from time to time any sum or sums of money, not exceeding in the whole one hundred thousand pounds, to be applied in or about Power to borrow.

the construction and carrying-out of the works mentioned in section *three* of this Act (all which works are comprehended and included in the term "the works" hereinafter used), and also the costs and expenses of and incidental to this Act or incurred in connection with the raising of any money so borrowed; and the first year's interest and sinking fund (if any) on any amount so from time to time raised or borrowed for the construction of the works for which the said sum of one hundred thousand pounds or any part or parts thereof is raised, and also the amount (if any) owing by the Board on bank overdraft at the time when such moneys are raised.

Rate of interest.

5. No money shall be borrowed under the authority of this Act which shall produce to the lender a higher rate of interest than five pounds per centum per annum.

Consent of electors required to borrow.

6. (1.) The Board shall not borrow any money under the authority of this Act except with the consent of the electors of the Whangarei Harbour District as defined in the Whangarei Harbour Act, 1907, and to be ascertained in manner prescribed by the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913.

(2.) All the provisions of Part I of the said Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913, shall, save as by this Act or the Whangarei Harbour Act, 1907, expressly or impliedly modified, extend and apply to the moneys hereby authorized to be borrowed; and the Whangarei Harbour District shall be deemed to be a district, and the Board shall be deemed to be a local authority, and the said works to be public works for the purposes of and within the meaning of Part I of the said Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1913.

(3.) For the purposes of this section the Valuer-General shall, whenever requested by the Chairman of the Board so to do, prepare from the district valuation rolls in force under the Valuation of Land Act, 1908, at the date of such request, in any borough, town district, or county, or part or parts thereof respectively, comprised in the Whangarei Harbour District a special roll setting forth the names of all electors entitled to vote at any election for a member or members of the Board for the said Whangarei Harbour District. Such special roll shall be signed by the Chairman or two members of the Board, and, when so signed, shall be the roll upon which the poll shall be taken.

(4.) Every person whose name appears on such special roll shall be entitled to vote, and have one vote only.

(5.) If the total number of valid votes recorded in favour of the proposal is a majority of the total number of valid votes recorded at any poll, the proposal shall be deemed to be carried.

Boundaries of Whangarei Harbour District may be extended.

7. In case the boundaries of the County of Whangarei shall at any time be altered so as to include a greater area than is included within the boundaries of the said county at the time of the passing of this Act, then the area of the Whangarei Harbour District shall be deemed to be extended so as to include such added area to the said county consequent on such alteration to the said county's boundaries.