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# WHAKATANE PAPER MILLS, LIMITED, WATER-SUPPLY EMPOWERING.

# [PRIVATE BILL.]

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No. 14—2.

# A BILL INTITULED

Title.

An Act to confer Powers of taking Water from the Whakatane River and other Incidental Powers upon the Whakatane Paper Mills, Limited.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Whakatane Paper Mills, Limited, a company incorporated in the State of New South Wales (hereinafter referred to as the company), is the owner of certain lands situate in the County of Whakatane on the left bank of the Whakatane River (hereinafter referred to as the river), near the Borough of 10 Whakatane: And whereas the company proposes to erect and operate upon such lands a mill (hereinafter referred to as the mill) for the manufacture of woodpulp and products of wood-pulp: And whereas for the operation of the said mill a supply of water will be 15 required, a portion of which will require to be fresh water and the balance of which can, if necessary, be salt water: And whereas the only convenient supply of fresh water is in the river at a point up-stream from the mill-site—namely, where the river is bounded on 20 its right bank by Allotment 235A of the Parish of Waimana—and the most convenient supply of salt water is in the river at the mill-site: And whereas it is desirable to empower the company to take water from the river at the said points and to grant to the company 25 such incidental powers as are hereinafter contained:

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

Short Title.

Interpretation.

1. This Act may be cited as the Whakatane Paper 30 Mills, Limited, Water-supply Empowering Act, 1936.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—
"Public drain" means a public drain within the
meaning of section two hundred and sixty of
the Public Works Act, 1928, and includes a
Government drain within the meaning of
section two hundred and sixty-two of the said
Act;

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and also includes any drainage works or 40 stop-bank connected with any such drain:
"Tidal lands" and "tidal waters" have the same meaning as in the Harbours Act, 1923:

"Works" includes all excavations, fillings, reservoirs, dams, tanks, aqueducts, bridges, filters, conduits, mains, pipes, pipe-lines, buildings, erections, pumps, plant, machinery, fittings, chattels, and appliances of every kind belonging to, used, acquired, constructed, or carried out by the company for the purpose of obtaining and conveying water or exercising any of its powers under this Act.

10 3. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to authorize Limitation of the company to exercise any of the rights, powers, authorities, and privileges by this Act conferred upon it may be at any place or places beyond the area defined in the exercised. Schedule to this Act.

area within which powers

Power to take Water. 15

4. It shall be lawful for the company to take from the Company may river at any point where it is bounded on its right bank take water up-stream from Maimana, and to mill-site. convey to the mill and to use as it shall think fit for the 20 purposes of the mill such quantity of water as the company shall require, not exceeding twenty-three cubic feet per second.

5. It shall be lawful for the company to take from Company may the river at the mill-site and to use as it shall think fit take water at 25 for the purposes of the mill such quantity of water, in addition to the water taken under section four hereof, as the company shall require, not exceeding twenty-three cubic feet per second.

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5A. Nothing in this Act contained shall authorize the Whakatane company-

(a) To interfere with nor prejudicially affect the wells, reservoirs, pumping plant, and other apparatus of the Whakatane Borough Council or the supply of water to such wells, reservoirs, pumping plant, and other apparatus; or

(b) To construct any works so as to divert the river away from the pumping-station of the said Whakatane Borough Council, or to cause erosion of the river banks adjacent thereto. or to impede the free flow of the river past the said pumping station; or

Borough Waterworks not to be interfered

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(c) To take water from the river at any point less than one and a half chains down-stream from the intake of the said Borough Council.

General Power to carry out Works.

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Company may carry out works.

- 6. For the purposes aforesaid, and subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, the company may-
  - (a) Construct, erect, place, lay, renew, repair, enlarge, maintain, and use in, upon, or across the river or the banks or bed thereof, or 10 any public drains, tidal lands, and tidal waters, such intakes, filters, abutments, tanks. reservoirs, pumps, mains, pipes, bridges, viaducts, and other works and appliances as may be necessary or convenient:

(b) Lay, place, construct, renew, repair, enlarge, maintain, and use in, upon, across, or along any roads such pipes, pipe-lines, and mains, valves, man-holes, surface boxes, and other appliances as may be necessary or convenient: 20

Provided that no water pipes or mains to be laid under the powers conferred upon the company by this Act shall be of greater diameter (internal measurement) than two feet six inches:

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Provided also that no tanks, filtration plants, or reservoirs shall be constructed or set up, in, under, or upon any road.

7. All pipes, mains, filters, tanks, pumps, bridges, 30 plant, machinery, and appliances constructed, erected, laid, or placed in, upon, or under any public road, public drain, river, tidal land, or tidal water under the authority of this Act shall be and remain the property of the company, and the company may, subject to the provisions 35 hereinafter contained, at any time remove and take the

same away.

Powers in respect of Roads, Public Drains, Tidal Lands, and Tidal Waters.

Particular rights and restrictions in respect of roads, public drains, tidal lands, &c.

Pipes, &c., to remain

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company.

8. (1) Subject to the provisions hereinafter con- 40 tained, the company shall have such right of entry, with such workmen, horses, carts, vehicles, and appliances as may be necessary or expedient, into and upon any roads, public drains, tidal lands, and tidal waters so as to enable the company to exercise in respect thereof all or 45

any of its powers under this Act, and the company shall also have the following rights in respect of any such roads, public drains, tidal lands, and tidal waters:

(a) To dig into and open up the ground:

(b) To cut down or remove any trees, hedges, fences, gates, or mounds:

(c) And generally to do all acts, matters, and things required for making, constructing, extending, altering, repairing, maintaining, using, removing any works in, upon, across, or from any such roads, public drains, tidal lands, or tidal waters.

(2) In respect of any such works the following provisions and conditions shall apply, and shall bind the 15 company as if it had entered into a covenant with His Majesty the King to observe the same:—

> (a) The company shall with all convenient speed and in a proper and workmanlike manner carry out and complete any such works undertaken by

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(b) The company in the execution of such works shall do as little damage as possible, and on completion of the works shall with all reasonable speed restore to the satisfaction of the controlling authority any road, public drain, tidal land, or tidal water that may have been damaged or interfered with to its original condition or as near thereto as shall be possible:

(c) In default of such restoration by the company, the controlling authority in respect of any road or public drain, and the Minister of Marine in respect of any tidal land or tidal water, may effect such restoration and recover

the cost thereof from the company.

9. In respect of all water pipes or mains laid by the Company may 35 company under the powers conferred on it by this Act conduct water in, upon, or across the river, and any roads, public pipes, &c. drains, tidal lands, and tidal waters, the company shall have the right of conducting water through such pipes 40 or mains from the river to the mill, either directly or by way of any tanks, filtration plants, or reservoirs constructed or set up by the company.

Special Provisions as to Roads.

Power to open up roads, &c., under superintendence.

10. (1) For the purpose of laying any mains, pipes, pipe-lines, or other works, and of thereafter using, repairing, maintaining, inspecting, altering, replacing, or removing the same, the company, under such superintendence as is hereinafter specified, and subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, may open and break up the soil, pavement, and flooring of any road, and may also cut through, lift, alter, or disturb any tramway, sewer, drain, water-pipe, gas-pipe, or electric main on, 10 within, or under any such road.

(2) Nothing in this Act contained shall authorize the company to close any road to traffic.

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Before opening roads, company to notify persons having control.

11. (1) Before the company proceeds to exercise any of the powers conferred by the last preceding section lit shall-

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- (a) Give to the local authority controlling the road one month's notice in writing of its intention to exercise such powers, accompanied by plans and specifications of the work proposed to be The local authority may require alterations or amendments to such plans and specifications; but if the company is unwilling to carry out any such alterations or amendments, the matter in dispute shall be referred to the Minister of Public Works, whose decision shall be final:
- (b) Give not less than one month's notice in writing to the person controlling or managing the tramway, sewer, drain, water-pipe, gas-pipe, or electric main affected. Such person may require alterations in the mode of carrying out the work: but if the company is unwilling to carry out any such alterations, the matter in dispute shall be referred to a Magistrate, whose decision shall be final.
- (2) In cases of emergency or danger to its works the company may, without previous notice, carry out any maintenance or repair work, but shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, inform the local authority controlling the road and any person having the control and management of any tramway, sewer, drain, waterpipe, gas-pipe, or electric main affected.

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roads, company to notify persons having

(a) Give to the persons having the control or management of the road one month's notice in writing of its intention to exercise such powers, accompanied by plans and specifications of the work proposed to be done. persons may object to such work or may require alterations or amendments to such plans and specifications; but if the company is of the opinion that such objection is unreasonable, or if it is unwilling to carry out any such alterations or amendments, the matter in dispute shall be referred to the Minister of Public Works, whose decision shall be final:

(b) Give not less than one month's notice in writing to the persons having the control or management of the tramway, sewer, drain, water-pipe, gas-pipe, or electric main affected, accompanied by plans and specifications showing how such tramway, sewer, drain, water-pipe, gas-pipe, or electric main will be affected. Such persons may object or may require alterations or amendments to such plans and specifications; but if the company is of the opinion that such objection is unreasonable, or if it is unwilling to carry out any such alterations or amendments, the matter in dispute shall be referred to a Magistrate, whose decision shall be final.

(2) In cases of emergency or danger to its works the company may, without previous notice, carry out any maintenance or repair work, but shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, inform the persons having such control or management as aforesaid.

12. Except in cases of emergency, the company shall Roads not to carry out such work under the superintendence of the be opened persons having such control or management as aforesaid, superintendence and not otherwise, and the reasonable cost of such of persons having control. superintendence shall constitute a debt due by the company to any person exercising the same, and shall be recoverable accordingly:

Provided always that if the persons having such control or management as aforesaid, or their responsible officers, fail to attend at the time and place mentioned in such notice, or shall refuse or neglect to superintend the operation of the work, the company may perform the work specified in such notice without the superintendence of such persons or their responsible officers.

Roads, &c., broken up to be reinstated without delay. 13. Whenever the company exercises any of the powers conferred by section *ten* of this Act it shall with all convenient speed and in a proper and workmanlike 10 manner carry out the works undertaken by it, and shall—

(a) Fill in the ground, and reinstate and make good the soil, pavement, or flooring of any road opened or broken up to the satisfaction of the controlling authority;

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(b) Keep that portion of the road which has been opened or broken up in good repair for three months after replacing and making good the same, and for such further time, if any, as the road or soil so opened or broken up shall 20 continue to subside;

(c) Reinstate and make good any tramway, sewer, drain, water-pipe, gas-pipe, or electric main cut through, lifted, altered, or disturbed so as to afford to the public and to every person entitled to use the same an equal use and convenience as before, and generally carry out any such work of cutting through, lifting, altering, or disturbing so as to interfere as little as possible with the use of the same by 30 the public and such persons;

(d) Remove and carry away all surplus materials, rubbish, and debris occasioned by the operations of the company; and

(e) Fence in and guard, and keep fenced in and 35 guarded, at all hours of day and night, any excavation, obstruction to traffic, or other source of danger, and cause to be displayed during such hours sufficient flags, lamps, or other efficient warnings of the existence of any 40 such excavation, obstruction, or other source of danger; and

(f) Indemnify the controlling authority concerned in respect of all expenses, claims, and damages incurred by such authority as a result of any accident to any person or property arising out of or caused by or through the company's operations or works on any road.

14. If the company exercises any of the powers Penalty for aforesaid without (save in cases of emergency) giving non-compliance 10 such notice as aforesaid, or in a manner not in accordance with such notice, or shall make default in complying with any of the provisions of the last preceding section after receipt of notice from the persons having such control or management as aforesaid calling on the 15 company to comply with such provisions, then the company shall forfeit to such persons a sum not exceeding five pounds for each day or part of a day during which any such default or delay shall continue, and such additional sum, if any, as may be necessary to 20 make good to such persons any loss arising out of such default or delay.

15. If any such default or delay on the part of the In case of company takes place after receipt of notice as aforesaid, the persons having such control or management as carry out aforesaid may cause the work, matter, or thing delayed work and or omitted by the company to be executed, and may expenses. recover from the company the costs and expenses occasioned by the execution thereof in the same manner as damages are recoverable by action in any Court of 30 competent jurisdiction.

delay other parties may

16. The persons having the control or management Company of any road as aforesaid may, if deemed necessary, to alter raise, sink, or otherwise alter the situation of any main, on notice. pipe, or pipe-line laid by the company in any such road, and may from time to time, by notice in writing, require the company to cause forthwith, or as soon as conveniently may be, any such main, pipe, or pipe-line to be raised, sunk, or otherwise altered in position in such manner as such persons as aforesaid may direct:

mains, &c.,

Provided that such raising, sinking, or alteration in position be not such as to permanently injure such main, pipe, or pipe-line, or to prevent the water from flowing as freely and conveniently as before.

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If company neglects to alter mains, persons giving notice may do so. 17. If the company does not proceed forthwith, or as soon as conveniently may be, after receipt of such notice to comply with the same, the persons giving such notice may themselves cause such mains, pipes, or pipe-lines to be so raised, sunk, or altered in position, and may recover from the company the cost of doing so:

Provided that the said main, pipes, or pipe-lines be not permanently injured thereby, or the water prevented from flowing as freely and conveniently as before.

Special Provisions as to Tidal Lands and Tidal Waters. 10

Company to comply with Harbours Act.

18. Before executing any works in, upon, or across the river or any tidal lands or tidal waters, the company shall submit plans and specifications of such works to the Minister of Marine, in accordance with the provision of section one hundred and seventy-one of the Harbours 15 Act, 1923, for the approval of the Governor-General in Council.

# Special Provisions as to Public Drains.

Controlling authority to direct works over public drains. 19. Before executing any works in, upon, or across any public drain, the company shall submit plans and 20 specifications of such works to the controlling authority, who may give such directions as to the manner of carrying out such works, and may order such alterations therein as it may think necessary for the preservation of any public right.

Company to keep works over public drains in good repair. 25. 20. The company shall from time to time and at all times keep and maintain any works executed by it in, upon, or across any public drain in good condition and repair, and so as not to cause damage to such public drain or otherwise to impair any public right; and in 30 default thereof the controlling authority may carry out such repairs and other works as may be necessary to prevent or remedy any damage to such public drain or any impairment to any public right as aforesaid, and may recover the cost thereof in the same manner as 35 damages are recoverable by action in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

# Compensation.

Company to pay compensation. 21. Any person suffering any damage from the exercise of any of the powers conferred upon the 40 company by this Act shall be entitled to compensation

for the same, and such compensation shall be recoverable from the company as damages by action in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

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21A. Nothing in this Act shall authorize the company Private lands to enter or carry out any works upon any private lands without the consent of the owner.

not to be entered upon without consent of owners.

22. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other 10 Act, the rights, powers, and privileges conferred upon the company by this Act may be exercised by the company in manner hereinbefore provided and subject only to the provisions, conditions, and restrictions in this Act contained.

Restrictions of other Acts not to apply.

15 23. Subject to the foregoing provisions, nothing in Interference this Act shall authorize the company to interfere with with public works. any Government work without the prior consent in writing of the Minister of Public Works. Such consent may be either withheld or given subject to such terms 20 and conditions as the Minister thinks fit.

24. This Act is hereby declared to be a private Act. Act to be a

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All that area commencing at the north-eastern corner of Allotment 235B, Parish of Waimana, by a right line running east 14½ chains into Allotment 245 of the said parish; thence south by a line 28 chains; thence west to the south-eastern corner of Allotment 264 of the said parish; thence along the southern boundary of the said Allotment 264 to the right bank of the Whakatane River; thence in the same direction across the Whakatane River to the left bank thereof; thence in a northwesterly direction to the southern corner of Lot 38B, No. 3K. Section 2, of the Parish of Rangitaiki; thence along the southwestern boundary of the said lot and along the south-western boundary of the right-of-way appurtenant thereto; thence in the same direction across a public road, and then in the same direction for 254 chains to the south-eastern boundary of part Allotment 38B, No. 3H, of the said parish, being part of the land in the Auckland Provisional Register, Volume 148, folio 46; thence by a straight line running north of west to the western side of the Whakatane-Rotorua Main Road; thence along the

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western side of this road running north to the north-eastern corner of Allotment 30c, No. 1B, of the said parish; thence north-west by a straight line parallel to the Whakatane-Tauranga Main Road for a distance of 62 chains, and then by a straight line running east of north 9 chains to the south-western corner of part Allotment 29r of the said parish; thence along the north-western boundary of the said part Allotment 29F in a line produced 10 chains; thence by a straight line to the north-western corner of Allotment 29v, No. 1, of the said parish; thence along the northern and north-western boundaries of the said allotment by a line produced to the northern side of a public road known locally as Stock Road; thence along the northern side of Stock Road for a distance of 20 chains, and then across the said Stock Road to the north-eastern corner of Lot 1 on a plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at Auckland as No. 21268; thence along the eastern boundary of the said lot and along the eastern boundary of the land comprised in the plan deposited as aforesaid under No. 25358 in a line produced 1 chain beyond high-water mark on the left bank of the Whakatane River; thence in a line parallel with such high-water mark for  $12\frac{1}{2}$  chains up-stream; thence to the south-western corner of Lot No. 2 on the plan deposited as aforesaid under No. 25604; thence up-stream along the left bank of the said river to the south-eastern corner of part Allotment 29L of the said parish, being the land comprised in Certificate of Title, Volume 230, folio 21, Auckland Registry; thence by a straight line 65 chains to the northern corner of Allotment 38B, No. 3w, No. 1, of the said parish on the left bank of the said river; thence up-stream along the said left bank to the north-eastern corner of part Allotment M of the said parish; thence by a straight line across the said river to the north-western corner of Allotment 235B of the Parish of Waimana; and thence along the northern boundary of the said Allotment 235B to the north-eastern corner, being the starting-point: As the said area is more particularly delineated on the plan marked L. and S. 13/1/15, deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, and thereon edged red, a copy of which plan is deposited and marked 28442 at the Auckland District Office, Department of Lands and Survey.

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ALL that area in the Auckland Land District, Whakatane County: Bounded, commencing at a point on the right bank of the Whakatane River, being the south-western corner of Allotment 13, Parish of Waimana, in an easterly direction along the southern boundary of Allotment 13 aforesaid and its production across and beyond a public road to a point within Lot 2 on Deposited Plan 10438, being part Allotment 245, Parish of

Waimana, distant 14½ chains from the south-eastern corner of Allotment 13 aforesaid; thence along a right line bearing 180° to a point in line with the northern boundary of Allotment 23, Parish of Waimana; thence in a westerly direction to and along the northern boundary of Allotment 23 aforesaid and its production to a point in line with the south-western boundary of Rangataiki Lot 38B 3K No. 2; thence in a north-westerly direction to and along the south-western boundary of Rangataiki Lot 38в 3к No. 2 aforesaid, and along the south-western boundary of Rangataiki Lot 38B 3k No. 1 to and along the south-western side of a 50-link road-line adjoining Rangataiki Lot (part) 38B 3J, and along the last-mentioned line produced to its intersection with the south-eastern boundary of Rangitaiki Lot 38B 3H No. 3; thence again in a north-westerly direction by a right line to a point on the western side of the Rotorua-Whakatane Road, distant 100 links from the southeastern corner of Rangitaiki Lot 30c No. 5B; thence in a northerly direction along the western side of Rotorua-Whakatane Road aforesaid to the north-eastern corner of Rangitaiki Lot 30c No. 1B; thence in a north-westerly direction by a right line parallel with the Tauranga-Whakatane Road to a point in line with the north-western boundary of Rangitaiki Lot 29F No. 2; thence in a north-easterly direction to and along the northwestern boundary of Rangitaiki Lot 29r No. 2 aforesaid, and by this line produced to a point within Rangitaiki Lot (part) 29s No. 2, distant 10 chains from the north-western corner of Rangitaiki Lot 29F No. 2 aforesaid; thence in a north-easterly direction by a right line to the north-western corner of Rangitaiki Lot 29v No. 1; thence along part of the northern and northwestern boundaries of the last-mentioned Lot and the production in a north-easterly direction of the last-mentioned boundary to a point on the northern side of Stock Road; thence in an easterly direction along the northern side of Stock Road aforesaid to a point in line with the eastern boundary of Lot 1 on Deposited Plan 21268; thence in a southerly direction across Stock Road, to and along the eastern boundaries of Lot 1 on Deposited Plan 21268, to and along the eastern boundary of part Lot 3 on Deposited Plan 25358, and along this boundary produced to a point in the Whakatane River, distant 100 links from the mean high-water mark of the left bank of Whakatane River; thence in a westerly direction along a line parallel with and distant 100 links from the mean high-water mark aforesaid to a point in line with the western boundary of Lot 2 on Deposited Plan 25604; thence by a right line to a point on the left bank of the Whakatane River, being the south-western corner of the last-mentioned Lot; thence westerly, southerly, and south-easterly generally along the left bank of Whakatane River to the easternmost corner of Rangitaiki Lot (part) 29L comprised in certificate of title, Volume 230, folio 21, Auckland Register: thence again in a south-easterly direction along a right line

to a point on the left bank of Whakatane River, being the northern extremity of Rangitaiki Lot 38B 3w No. 1; thence in a south-easterly direction generally along the left bank of Whakatane River to a point in line with the southern boundary of Allotment 13, Parish of Waimana; thence by a right line across Whakatane River to the south-western corner of the last-mentioned Allotment, the point of commencement. As the same is more particularly delineated in a plan marked L. and S. 13/1/13, deposited at the Head Office, Department of Lands and Survey at Wellington, and thereon bordered red: Auckland Plan 28442, blue.