

[AS REPORTED FROM THE LOCAL BILLS COMMITTEE.]

House of Representatives, 26th September, 1917.

Mr. Scott.

WESTERN TAIERI LAND DRAINAGE.

[LOCAL BILL.]

ANALYSIS.

Title.
1. Short Title.

2. Board empowered to make rates on acreage basis.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to empower the Western Taieri Land Drainage Board to make and levy Rates on an Acreage Basis. 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 Western Taieri Land Drainage Act, 1917. Short Title.

2. (1.) The Western Taieri Land Drainage Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) may make and levy rates, both general and special, on an acreage basis, on a scale graduated according to the classification of the lands in the district. Board empowered to make rates on acreage basis.

(2.) On any reclassification of such lands the same shall be classified into seven classes by reference to the degree to which they have benefited or are likely to be benefited by the operations of the Board.

(3.) In the case of general rates the maximum amount per acre shall not exceed the following, namely: On A class, thirty pence; on B class, twenty-eight pence; on C class, twenty-six pence; on D class, twenty-four pence; on E class, fifteen pence; and on F class, tenpence. Special rates shall be made on the same ratio.

(4.) All appeals against any classification shall be decided by a Stipendiary Magistrate sitting with two Assessors, of whom one shall be appointed by the Board and the other by the Minister of Lands.

(5.) All the loans *heretofore* raised by the Board are hereby declared to have been legally raised, and all rates made as security for such loans are declared to have been legally made.

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(6.) Section seventy-two of the Reserves and other Lands Disposal and Public Bodies' Empowering Act, 1916, is hereby repealed.

3. This Act shall continue in operation during the present war and six months thereafter, and no longer.