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DUNEDIN CITY (AFFORESTATION)
EMPOWERING

[LOCAL BILL]

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to Empower the Dunedin City Council to Engage in Forestry Operations. Title.

WHEREAS for many years past the Dunedin City Council (hereinafter called the Council) has adopted a policy of planting timber-trees on land belonging to the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Dunedin: And whereas many of the Council's plantations have now reached the stage of development when it is desirable to fell the trees therein and mill the timber resulting therefrom and market the same: And whereas it is desirable to confer certain additional powers upon the Council in relation to afforestation matters. Preamble.

BE IT THEREFORE 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 Dunedin City (Afforestation) Empowering Act, 1949. Short Title.

Power to acquire land and to carry on business of forestry.

- 2.** The Council is hereby empowered to do all or any of the following things:—
- (i) To purchase, lease, take under the Public Works Act, 1928, or otherwise acquire any area or areas of land, or any interest therein, which the Council may deem it desirable to hold for afforestation purposes or other purposes incidental thereto: 5
 - (ii) To carry on the business of forestry, afforestation, and the nursery production of forest trees, whether indigenous or exotic: 10
 - (iii) To cut down, remove, recover, and sell by private sale, tender, or auction any trees, timber, or firewood on or from any existing plantation the property of the Corporation or on or from any area or areas hereafter acquired pursuant to the authority hereinbefore granted: 15
 - (iv) To recover from the trees, timber, or wood, or any other like thing, by any process whatsoever, any products capable of being put to commercial use or profit, or to any scientific or other useful purpose, and to sell such articles and things: 20
 - (v) To purchase any tree seeds or nursery stock necessary for the aforesaid business, and to recover and sell tree seeds and other forest products from the trees grown by the Council: 25
 - (vi) To take all steps which in the opinion of the Council may be necessary or desirable for the prevention or control of fire, including for that purpose the purchase of sheep and cattle and the proper care and maintenance of the same. 30

By-laws.

3. The Council may from time to time make such by-laws as it thinks fit for the purpose of regulating the subject-matter of this Act, and in particular for protecting from damage, injury, or misappropriation any property, whether real or personal, belonging to the Corporation or controlled by the Council for the purposes of this Act, whether within or beyond the City of Dunedin. 35 40

Borrowing-powers.

4. The Council may, by special order and without taking the steps prescribed by sections nine to thirteen of the Local Bodies' Loans Act, 1926, raise a special loan for any of the purposes hereinbefore mentioned:

Provided, however, that the Council shall not be empowered to borrow a greater sum than twenty thousand pounds (£20,000) pursuant to the authority hereby granted.

- 5 **5.** All revenues resulting from the sale of trees, Revenue.
timber, firewood, or other forest products under the
powers hereinbefore contained shall be applied by the
Council in furtherance of the objects of this Act or
otherwise as the Council may from time to time
10 determine.