

*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.*

*House of Representatives,  
4th August, 1916.*

*Hon. Mr. MacDonald.*

**GISBORNE BOROUGH GAS.**

**[LOCAL BILL.]**

**ANALYSIS.**

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**A BILL INTITULED**

AN Act to empower the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the  
 Borough of Gisborne to acquire the Undertaking of the  
 Gisborne Gas Company (Limited), and to produce and supply  
 5 Gas in and for the Borough of Gisborne. 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 Gisborne Borough Gas Act, Short Title.  
 10 1916.

2. In this Act, unless inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.

“Council” means the Gisborne Borough Council:  
 “Borough” means the Borough of Gisborne as at present  
 constituted and any extension thereof to be hereafter made:

15 “The company” means the Gisborne Gas Company (Limited). Council may purchase existing works, &c.

3. The Council shall be entitled at any time within five years  
 after the date of the passing of this Act to purchase from the com-  
 pany the whole of the business and undertaking of the company as  
 a going concern, including lands, gasworks, mains, service-pipes,  
 20 plant, machinery, stock, goodwill, and all other the assets of the  
 company, at a price to be agreed upon between the Council and the  
 company, or, in default of agreement, to be fixed and determined by  
 three arbitrators as hereinafter provided.

4. In the event of the Council desiring to make such purchase Notice of desire to purchase to be given.  
 25 it shall give not less than six months’ notice in writing to the com-  
 pany of such its desire.

Provision for arbitration to fix price.

5. If the Council and the company are unable to agree upon the price to be paid and the same has therefore to be fixed and determined by arbitration, each of the parties shall appoint an arbitrator, and the third arbitrator shall be a Judge of the Supreme Court, who shall preside at the said arbitration. The Judge so to preside shall be appointed by the Chief Justice. 5

Arbitration Act to apply, except as modified.

6. Except as herein expressly modified or varied, the provisions of the Arbitration Act, 1908, shall apply to the said arbitration, and this Act shall be deemed to be a submission within the meaning of the said Act. 10

Powers of Council upon purchase.

7. Upon completion of the said purchase this Act shall be deemed to be a special Act within the meaning of subsection two of section two hundred and seventy-four of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1908, and in addition the Council shall have all the rights and powers conferred upon the said company by the Gisborne Gas Company Act, 1884. 15