

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, 1893.

[AS AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.]

Hon. Mr. Seddon.

MINING ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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severance by river, &c., or watercourse.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Mining Act, 1891."

Title.

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

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Mining Act Amendment Act, 1893." It shall be read together with "The Mining Act, 1891" (herein referred to as "the said Act").

Short Title.

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in the said Act, or in any regulations thereunder, the title to any special claim, claim, or licensed holding heretofore granted shall not be deemed to be invalid or be questioned in any Court of law or equity by reason only that such special claim, claim, or holding is dissevered, or might be deemed to be dissevered, by any road, river, stream, or watercourse.

Claims not deemed invalid by reason of disseverance by river, &c., or watercourse.

Subject, however, and it is hereby enacted, that the holder of a grant of any special claim, claim, or licensed holding shall not be entitled to stop or impede or divert the flow of water in any such river, stream, or watercourse, nor carry any workings underneath the bed of any river, stream, or watercourse, included within the boundaries of such special claim, claim, or licensed holding, unless the sanction of the Warden be previously obtained, and then only under such terms and conditions as he may see fit to impose which is dissevered by any river, stream, or watercourse, shall not confer or be deemed to have conferred upon the grantee any riparian rights over such river, stream, or watercourse.