

Hon. Mr. Fraser.

PUBLIC WORKS AMENDMENT.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Public Works Act, 1908.

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 Public Works Amendment Act, 1914, and shall form part of and be read together with the Public Works Act, 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Short Title.

2. When land has been taken under the principal or any other Act, and whether before or after the commencement of this Act, for a road, railway, tramway, or other public work of any kind whatever, no person shall in any claim for compensation for land taken or for injurious affection, loss, or damage, have or be deemed to have had any right to compensation by reason of the fact that the road, railway, tramway, or other public work affords or may afford to any other person any access or approach or any more convenient access or approach to any other land, or by reason of the special adaptability of any land for the purposes of a road, railway, tramway, or other means of access or approach to the land of any other person, and all the provisions of the principal Act and of all other Acts relating to the taking of land and the payment of compensation shall be read and construed accordingly, but nothing in this section shall affect any award of compensation made before the commencement of this Act.

Restriction of right to compensation in cases where land taken for purposes of road, railway, tramway, or other public work.

3. (1.) The Minister, or any person authorized by him, may, on behalf of the Crown, acquire rights in respect of any water-race within a mining district in the same manner in all respects as if he were a private person.

Crown may acquire and hold water-rights in the same manner as private persons.

(2.) All rights in respect of water-races in mining districts heretofore acquired by or on behalf of the Crown shall be deemed to have been validly acquired.

(3.) The rights heretofore or hereafter acquired by or on behalf of the Crown as aforesaid shall not be liable to forfeiture for any cause whatsoever.