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RICCARTON BUSH AMENDMENT

[LOCAL BILL]

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to Amend the Riccarton Bush Act, 1914.

WHEREAS it is desired to vest in the Riccarton Bush Preamble.

Trustees certain leasing and other powers in respect of the Riccarton Bush. powers to let the building known as Riccarton House or any part thereof.

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 Riccarton Bush Short Title. Amendment Act, 1949, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Riccarton Bush Act, 1914 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

Struck out

2. Notwithstanding anything contained in the principal Act, the Riccarton Bush Trustees (hereinafter called the Board) may from time to time lease to any person or persons, body, or society (incorporated or not) for his, their, or its exclusive use for any purpose, at such rent and on such conditions as the Board thinks reasonable, the whole or any part or parts of the buildings now or hereafter erected on the land described in the Second Schedule to the Riccarton Bush Amendment Act, 1947, together with ingress thereto and egress therefrom, for any term or terms of years not exceeding five years at any one time with or without a right of renewal for a period not exceeding five years.

Power to lease buildings.

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Power to let Riccarton House.

2a. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal Act or in any other Act, the Riccarton Bush Trustees are hereby authorized to let by private contract or otherwise, for periods not exceeding one year at any one time, the whole or any part or parts of the building known as Riccarton House, situated on the land described in the Second Schedule to the Riccarton Bush Amendment Act, 1947, together with ingress thereto and egress therefrom, for committee rooms, charity bazaars, fairs, or flower shows, or art or other cultural exhibitions, or 10 for purposes concerned with the pursuit of health, instruction, or recreation, or for use for all or any of the following purposes—namely, community centre, crèche, kindergarten, tea-kiosk, museum, or art or culture centre.

Struck out

Power to lease parts of land.

3. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the 15 principal Act, the Board may from time to time lease to any person or persons, body, or society (incorporated or not) for his, their, or its exclusive use for the purposes of health, instruction, or recreation, at such rent and on such conditions as the Board thinks reasonable, any part or parts of the land described in the Second Schedule to the Riccarton Bush Amendment Act, 1947, together with ingress thereto and egress therefrom, for any term or terms of years not exceeding seven years at any one time with or without a right of renewal for a period not 25 exceeding seven years.

(2) The Board may authorize any such person or persons, body, or society to erect on any land leased as aforesaid buildings for ornamental purposes or stands or pavilions or gymnasia, or other buildings necessary for the full use of such land for the purposes of health, instruction, or recreation, on such terms as to plans, size. situation, custody, and otherwise in all respects as the Board determines, with power to such person or persons, body, or society to fix charges for the use of and 35 generally regulate admission to such land or the buildings situate thereon, subject to the approval of the Board in all things.

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Powers of Board.

- **4.** Section nineteen of the Riccarton Bush Amendment Act, 1947, is hereby amended by inserting, after paragraph (c) thereof, the following paragraph:—
 - "(cc) Provide and operate or grant licences for the provision and operation of camps, hostels, tea and refreshment rooms, or similar amenities".

Exemption from rates.

5. The land described in the First and Second Schedules to the Riccarton Bush Amendment Act, 1947, shall be deemed not to be rateable property within the meaning of the Rating Act, 1925.

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