

Hon. Mr. Ward.

SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH CABLES PROTECTION.

ANALYSIS.

Title.
Preamble.
1. Short Title.

2. Wellington Corporation to be liable for damage to cables by discharge of sewage into or near Lyell Bay.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT for the Protection of the Submarine Telegraph Cables Title.
lying in or in the Vicinity of Lyell Bay, in Cook Strait.

5 WHEREAS by section six, subsection one (a), of "The Wel- Preamble
lington City Sanitation Loan Empowering Act, 1892" (hereinafter
referred to as "the said Act"), it is provided, amongst other things,
that the Wellington City Council may provide an efficient system of
drainage for the city, whereby the sewage and drainage of the city
will be conveyed and discharged into the sea in Cook Strait, or be
10 otherwise dealt with as in the said Act mentioned:

And whereas the submarine telegraph cables in Lyell Bay, in
Cook Strait, may be injured by the discharge of the said sewage
and drainage into or in the vicinity of the said bay: For the pro-
tection of the said cables—

15 BE IT THEREFORE 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 Submarine Telegraph Short Title.
Cables Protection Act, 1893."

20 2. Notwithstanding anything contained in the said Act, the Cor- Wellington Corpora-
poration of the City of Wellington shall be liable to Her Majesty the tion to be liable for
Queen for all damage which may at any time be proved to be done to damage to cables by
any submarine telegraph cable now lying in Lyell's Bay, in Cook discharge of sewage
Strait, or which may hereafter be laid in the said bay by or on into or near Lyell
25 behalf of Her Majesty, by, through, or in consequence of the Bay.
discharge of the sewage and drainage of the City of Wellington into
or in the vicinity of the said bay.

30 And the amount of such damage, together with the cost of
raising, repairing, or renewing and replacing any such cable as afore-
said, may be recovered from the said Corporation as a debt due to the
Queen.