

Appointing a Commission to Inquire Into the Financing of Portion of the Lower Waikato and Waipa Rivers Control Scheme as Prepared by the Waikato Valley Authority

BERNARD FERGUSSON, Governor-General
ORDER IN COUNCIL

To all unto whom these presents shall come, and to:

FRANK FELIX REID, Esquire, of Christchurch, retired Stipendiary Magistrate;

EDGAR RAVENSWOOD MCKILLOP, Esquire, C.M.G., O.B.E., M.INST.C.E., M.N.Z.I.E., of Wellington, Civil Engineer;

HUGH DRUMMOND LAMBIE, Esquire, O.B.E., of Auckland, Farmer.

GREETING:

WHEREAS the basic engineering and hydraulic principles of the Lower Waikato River Control Scheme (Sections B, C, and D) have been approved by the Minister of Works and whereas it is desired to obtain an equitable allocation of cost of construction and maintenance as between the Crown and the Waikato Valley Authority (as representing all constituent councils included in the scheme) and whereas it is also desirable to determine the maximum rating consistent with reasonable economic development of all properties protected or otherwise affected by the scheme and to define any progressive increasing in rating deemed necessary:

Now, therefore, pursuant to the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908 and the Waikato Valley Authority Act 1956, I, Brigadier Sir Bernard Edward Fergusson, the Governor-General of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby appoint you, the said Frank Felix Reid, Edgar Ravenswood McKillop, and Hugh Drummond Lambie to be a Commission to inquire into and report on the following matters:

(1) The rating capacity of the land and the ability of ratepayers to pay during the initial stages of the construction programme and subsequently as development progresses.

(2) What Government works existing and contemplated in the Waikato Valley affect the hydraulic conditions of the catchment and the general regimen of the rivers in the valley.

(3) Any other natural or development factors which have a significant effect on the hydraulic conditions of the Waikato Valley Catchment and the regimen of the rivers.

(4) Levels of progressive maximum rating, having regard to the foreseeable reasonable economic development potential of properties affected and to a loan period of 25 years or such other period as may be considered necessary or desirable.

(5) The allocation as between the Crown and the Waikato Valley Authority of the cost of construction and maintenance of the said sections of the scheme, having regard to the matters set out in the preceding clauses.

(6) The allocation between Departments of State of the Crown's portion of the cost of construction and maintenance of the said sections of the scheme.

(7) The allocation of the Waikato Valley Authority's share of the cost as between the constituent local councils and in the case of any county where there are separate rating areas as between the particular separate rating areas comprised therein.

(8) The general and the main channel maintenance responsibilities under separate headings and the degree of Government financial assistance under each heading.

(9) Whether provision for deferment of rates is necessary and, if so, the method of implementation.

(10) Any other matters deemed relevant to the inquiry.

And with the like advice and consent I do further appoint you, the said Frank Felix Reid, to be Chairman of the said Commission:

And for the better enabling you to carry these presents into effect you are hereby authorised and empowered to make and conduct any inquiry under these presents at such times and places as you deem expedient, with power to adjourn from time to time and place to place as you think fit, and so that these presents shall continue in force and the inquiry may at any time and place be resumed although not regularly adjourned from time to time or from place to place:

And you are hereby strictly charged and directed that you shall not at any time publish or otherwise disclose, save to me in pursuance of these presents or by my direction, the contents or purport of any report so made or to be made by you, or any evidence or information obtained by you in the exercise of the powers hereby conferred upon you except such evidence or information as is received in the course of a sitting open to the public:

And it is hereby declared that the powers hereby conferred shall be exercisable notwithstanding the absence at any time of any one of the members hereby appointed:

And it is hereby further declared that you have liberty to report your proceedings and recommendations under this Commission from time to time if you shall judge expedient to do so:

And, using all due diligence, you are required to report to me in writing under your hands not later than the 31st day of July 1963 your findings and opinions on the matters aforesaid, together with such recommendations as you think fit to make in respect thereof.

Given in the Executive Council under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General this 18th day of March 1963.

T. J. SHERRARD, Clerk of the Executive Council.
(P.W. 96/434000)

Altering the Boundaries of the Otago and Southland Catchment Districts

BERNARD FERGUSSON, Governor-General
ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 18th day of March 1963

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. KEITH HOLYOAKE, C.H., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL
PURSUANT to the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act 1941, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby alters the boundaries of the Otago and Southland Catchment Districts by (i) excluding from the Otago Catchment District and including in the Southland Catchment District the land described in the First Schedule hereto, and (ii) excluding from the Southland Catchment District and including in the Otago Catchment District the land described in the Second Schedule hereto.

FIRST SCHEDULE

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT

ALL that area containing 39,800 acres, more or less, in the County of Southland and the County of Vincent bounded by a line commencing at a point being the south-western corner of the Obelisk Survey District; thence north-easterly generally along the north-western boundary of Obelisk Survey District to the north-eastern boundary of Run 548; thence south-easterly generally along the north-eastern boundaries of Runs 548 and 549 to the southern boundary of Obelisk Survey District; thence due west along the southern boundary of Obelisk Survey District to the point of commencement.

SECOND SCHEDULE

SOUTHLAND LAND DISTRICT

ALL that area containing 28,850 acres, more or less, in the County of Southland bounded by a line commencing at Trig. L (Mt. Cameron), Block V, Rockyside survey District; thence north-westerly generally along the summit of a range forming the watershed between the Dome Burn and the Roaring Lion Creek to Trig. J (Mt. Tennyson), Block III, Rockyside Survey District; thence in a north-westerly direction along the summit of a ridge forming the watershed between the Nokomai and Nevis Rivers to the Nevis Saddle, Block VI, Kingston Survey District; thence north-westerly generally along a ridge to the summit of the Hector Mountains; thence northerly generally along the said summit of the Hector Mountains, passing through Trigs. H and G, to Lorn Peak, Block VIII, Kingston Survey District; thence south-easterly generally along the north-eastern boundary of Run 323A and that boundary produced to the middle of the Nevis River; thence south-easterly along a right line in the direction of Rocky Mountain to its intersection with the eastern boundary of Run 578; thence south-westerly generally along the south-eastern boundary of Run 578 to the point of commencement.

T. J. SHERRARD, Clerk of the Executive Council.

(P.W. 75/17; 75/12)

Directing the Sale of Land in Blocks XII and XV, Hororata Survey District

BERNARD FERGUSSON, Governor-General
ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 11th day of March 1963

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. KEITH HOLYOAKE, C.H., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL
PURSUANT to the Public Works Act 1928, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby directs the sale of the land described in the Schedule hereto, such land being no longer required for the purpose for which it was acquired.

SCHEDULE

CANTERBURY LAND DISTRICT

ALL those pieces of land situated in the Hororata Survey District, Canterbury R.D., described as follows:

- A. R. P. Being
- 2 0 0 Part Rural Section 28124. All certificate of title, Register 1d, folio 655, Canterbury Land Registry; Block XV.
- 2 0 0 Part Reserves 1757 and 3526. All certificate of title, Register 1d, folio 654, Canterbury Land Registry; Block XII.

T. J. SHERRARD, Clerk of the Executive Council.
(P.W. 54/217; D.O. 35/34)