(a) shall have and may exercise and be responsible for all the powers, duties, acts of authority, and functions which were previously exercised by the formerly authorities;

(b) shall have and may exercise and be responsible for all liabilities, obligations, engagements, and contracts which previously were, or which would have been, the responsibility of the former authorities;

(c) shall have and may exercise and be responsible for all actions, suits, and proceedings pending by or against, or which would have been the responsibility of the former authorities;

(d) shall succeed to the bylaws which are in force in the district of the former authorities and which are applicable to the new district's circumstances and, until revoked or altered by the district council, every bylaw shall remain in force in the area in which it was in force immediately before the constitution of the new district, and every bylaw which cannot be restricted to the area in which it was in force immediately before the constitution of the new district or which is not applicable to the new district's circumstances shall be deemed inapplicable and revoked by the constitution of the new district;

(e) shall succeed to all rates and levies, and other money payable to the former authorities;

(f) shall succeed to the valuation rolls, electoral rolls, and rate records in force in the districts of the former authorities, and these shall remain in force in the new district until such rolls or records are made by the council of the new district, and until that time Part XIV of the Rating Powers Act 1988 shall apply as if the new district was the district of a special purpose authorities and the areas from which it was formed were constituent districts.

15. Vesting of property—All property, real and personal, vested in the corporations of the former authorities shall, subject to all existing encumbrances, be vested in the corporation of the new district.

16. Title to property—Any reference (express or implied) to "The Stratford Borough Council" or "The Chairman Councilors and Inhabitants of the County of Stratford" or "The Stratford County Council" in any instrument or other document whatever, or in any entry or record made in any register in relation to any property vested in the district council by clause 15 of this Order shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be read as a reference to "The Stratford District Council".

17. Creditors—Subject to section 37F of the Local Government Act 1974, the rights or interest of creditors of the former authorities shall not be affected.

First Schedule

Stratford Ward

All that area in the Taranaki Land District, being a portion of the County of Stratford, bounded by a line commencing on the northern side of Flint Road, at a point on line with the eastern boundary of Section 95, Manganui District, situated in Block 1, Ngaere Survey District, and proceeding easterly along the northern side of Flint Road, and the production of that side to the east side of Esk Road; thence southerly along the eastern side of Esk Road to the northern side of Regan Street (No. 43 State Highway); thence by a right line across that street to the north-western corner of Lot 2, D.P. 6488 (now legal road); thence southerly along the western boundary of that lot and the western boundaries of Lot 1, D.P. 6488, part Lot 1, D.P. 1083, and part Lot 1, S.O. 8443, and the production of the last-mentioned boundary to the middle of the Patea River; thence generally southerly down the middle of the Patea River to a point in line with the western boundary of Lot 5, D.P. 1942, thence southerly to and along that boundary, and its productions to the southern side of Victoria Street; thence westerly to the north-eastern corner of Lot 1, D.P. 7905 and southerly and westerly along the eastern and southern boundaries of that lot to the eastern boundary of Lot 13, D.P. 1848; thence southerly along the eastern boundaries of that lot and Lots 14, and part Lot 15, D.P. 1848, and Lot 1, D.P. 9014, to the northern boundary of Lot 2, D.P. 9014; thence easterly along that boundary and southerly along the eastern boundaries of the said Lot 2, D.P. 9014, and Lot 2, D.P. 1269, and the production of the last-mentioned boundary to the middle of Warwick Road; thence westerly along the middle of Warwick Road to a point in line with the eastern boundary of part Lot 3, D.P. 1598; thence southerly to and along that boundary and its production to the southern side of the Stratford—Oahukura Railway; thence westerly along the southern side of that railway to the eastern side of Orlando Street; thence westerly along a right line to the northern eastern corner of Lot 2, D.P. 812; thence westerly along the northern boundaries of Lots 2, and 1, D.P. 812, and the production of the last-mentioned boundary to the western side of Brecon Road; thence northerly along the western side of Brecon Road to the north-eastern corner of Lot 1, D.P. 9571; thence westerly along the northern boundaries of Lots 1 and 4, D.P. 9571, Lot 1, D.P. 4316, and Lot 2, D.P. 15098, to the north-western corner of the last-mentioned Lot 2; thence northerly along the eastern boundary of the underlying Section 76A, Block I, Ngaere Survey District, and the eastern boundary of Lot 1, D.P. 6623, to the southern side of Celia Street; thence westerly along the southern side of Celia Street, to a point in line with the eastern boundary of Section 64A, Block I, Ngaere Survey District; thence northerly to and along that boundary, and its production to the middle of the Patea River; thence generally westerly up the middle of the Patea River to a point in line with the western side of Hunt Road; thence northerly to and along the western side of that road and its production to the northern side of Pembroke Road; thence easterly along that side of the south-western corner of Lot 1, D.P. 6792; thence northerly and easterly along the western and northern boundaries of that lot and easterly along the northern boundaries of Lots 2, and 3, D.P. 6792, to the western boundary of Lot 4, D.P. 6792; thence northerly, easterly and southerly, along the western, northern and eastern boundaries of that lot to a point in line with the northern boundary of Lot 1, D.P. 11306; thence westerly to and along the northern boundary of that lot to the western boundary of Lot 1, D.P. 10926; thence northerly and easterly along the western and northern boundaries of that lot, and easterly along a right line to the north-western corner of Lot 1, D.P. 8148; thence easterly along the northern boundary of that lot to the western boundary of Lot 4, D.P. 1700; thence northerly and easterly along the western and northern boundaries of that lot, and easterly along the northern boundaries of Lots 1 and 2, D.P. 7021, to the eastern boundary of the last-mentioned lot; thence southerly along that boundary to a point in line with the northern boundary of Lot 2, D.P. 10659; thence easterly to and along that boundary to the eastern boundary of Lot 1, D.P. 10659; thence northerly along that boundary and the eastern boundary of Section 95, Manganui District; and the production of the last-mentioned boundary to the northern side of Flint Road being the point of commencement.

Second Schedule

Western Ward

All that area in the Taranaki Land District, being a portion of the County of Stratford, bounded by a line commencing in the middle of the Patea River at a point in line with the southern boundary of section 95, Block VIII, Ngaere Survey District, being a point on the southern boundary of the County of Stratford and proceeding generally westerly along the southern boundary of the said county to a point being the summit of Mount Taranaki or Mount Egmont; thence easterly along a right line to the intersection of the west side of Forest Road and the middle of the Waipuku Stream; thence generally