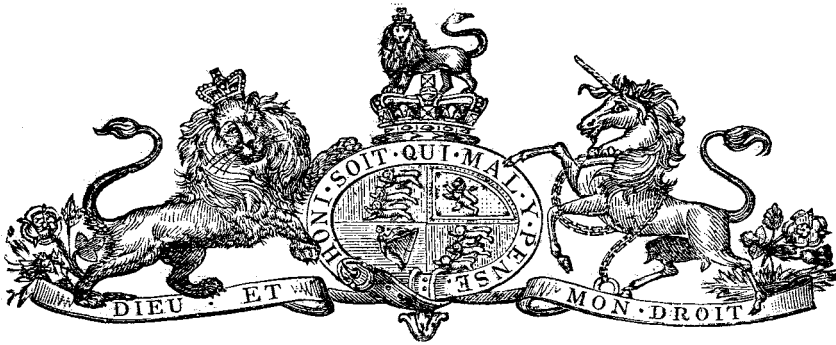


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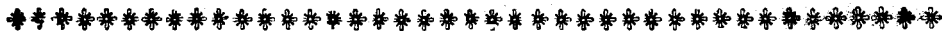


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No. 21.



AN ACT to further amend "The *Launceston* A.D. 1897.  
Water and Light Act, 1895."

[24 December, 1897.]

**W**HEREAS it is expedient to further amend "The *Launceston* PREAMBLE.  
Water and Light Act, 1895," in the manner hereinafter appearing :

Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of *Tasmania*,  
by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and  
House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows :—

**1** This Act may be cited as "The *Launceston* Water and Light Act, Short title.  
No. 3."

**2** In this Act the following words and expressions shall have the Interpretation.  
meanings hereinafter assigned to them respectively, that is to say—

"The said Act" shall mean "The *Launceston* Water and Light 58 Vict. No. 31.  
Act, 1895 :"

"The Corporation" shall mean the Corporation of the Mayor,  
Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Launceston* :

"The Council" shall mean the Municipal Council of the City  
of *Launceston*.

**3** The Council may from time to time let for hire to any consumer Council may  
of motive power or electricity supplied by measure any meter or provide meters.  
instrument for measuring the quantity of energy or of electricity  
supplied and consumed, at such rent in money as shall from time to  
time be fixed by the Council in accordance with the provisions of this

*Launceston Water and Light.*

A.D. 1897.

Act or the said Act ; also, any conductors, fittings, and apparatus for the conveyance, reception, transformation, storage, or otherwise utilising electricity for lighting, motive power, or any other purpose.

Meters, &c. not liable to seizure.

**4** Such meters, instruments, conductors, fittings, and apparatus shall not be subject to distress for rent of the premises where the same are used, and shall not be attached or taken in execution under any process of any Court of Law or Equity, or under or in pursuance of any adjudication, sequestration, or order in bankruptcy or other legal proceedings against or affecting the consumer of the electricity, or the occupier of the premises or other person in whose possession the meters, conductors, fittings, instruments, and apparatus may be.

Persons damaging any electric line, &c. to pay compensation.

**5** Any person who carelessly or accidentally breaks, throws down, or damages any electric line, or any pillar, post, lamp, or other works belonging to the Corporation or under their control, shall forfeit and pay to the Corporation for the damage so done, by way of satisfaction such sum of money, not exceeding Ten Pounds, as shall be awarded by any Two or more Justices of the Peace sitting in Petty Sessions in accordance with the provisions of *The Magistrates Summary Procedure Act*: Provided always, that this Section shall not abrogate the right of the Corporation to pursue any other remedy now available for obtaining compensation for any such damage as is in this Section mentioned.

Persons failing to report damage.

**6** Any person who breaks, throws down, or damages any electric line, or any pillar, post, lamp or other works belonging to the Council or under their control, and fails to forthwith report the same to the City Electrical Engineer, shall be liable to forfeit and pay to the Council a sum not exceeding Ten Pounds, in addition to the amount of damage.

Eighth Section of "The Telephone Act, 1882," not to apply. 46 Vict. No. 5, 58 Vict. No. 1.

**7** The Eighth Section of "The Telephone Act, 1882," shall not apply to the Municipal Council of the City of *Launceston* in connection with the exercise or execution of any of the powers, rights, or functions conferred upon the Corporation by the said Act.

Moneys owing to Corporation under this Act to be preferential claims in bankruptcy.

**8** In any proceedings under "The Bankruptcy Act, 1870," or any other Act regulating the distribution of the estate or assets of any bankrupt or insolvent debtor, any sum of money owing to the Corporation for water, or electricity, or light, or energy, or motive power, or any other purpose supplied to any person by the Corporation by measure or under any contract authorised by the said Act, shall rank as taxes and rates within the meaning of the Thirty-first Section of "The Bankruptcy Act, 1870," and shall have the like priority in the order of payment of the debts of the bankrupt or insolvent debtor.

Council to transfer moneys from Suspense Account to Municipal Fund.

**9** It shall be lawful for the Council to transfer to the Municipal Fund any moneys now standing to the credit of any Water Suspense Account in the Books of the Corporation.

Acts to be read together.

**10** This Act and the said Act, and every other Act amending the said Act, shall be read and construed together as one Act.