

1911.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.*(Brought in by the Postmaster-General, the Hon. C. E. Frazer.)*

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT

To authorize the Pacific Cable Board to construct and work a Submarine Cable between New Zealand and Australia as part of the Pacific Cable.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Pacific Cable Act* 1911.

Short title.

5 2. In this Act—

Definitions.

“The contributing Governments” means the Governments represented on the Pacific Cable Board, namely, the Government of the United Kingdom, the Government of Canada, the Government of the Commonwealth, and the Government of New Zealand.

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“The Pacific Cable Board” means the Pacific Cable Board constituted under an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom called the *Pacific Cable Act* 1901 (1 Edw. 7, c. 31).

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3. The Pacific Cable Board is, by this Act, authorized on the part of the Commonwealth of Australia—

- (a) to construct and work as part of the Pacific Cable a submarine cable between Doubtless Bay or any more convenient point in New Zealand and Australia, either direct or partly by means of a subterranean cable across the North Island of New Zealand, and any other extensions, connexions, or rearrangements in or near the Pacific Ocean which in the opinion of all the contributing Governments, are necessary or expedient for the improvement of the Pacific Cable Board's undertaking; and 5 10
- (b) to apply towards the construction of that cable any moneys which it is authorized to apply to that purpose by an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom. 15