

New Zealand.

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1903, No. 15.—*Local.*

Title.	AN ACT to enable the Adjustment of the Boundaries of the Wainono Drainage District. [20th November, 1903.]
Preamble.	WHEREAS by an Order in Council made on the twenty-sixth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and published in the <i>New Zealand Gazette</i> on the twenty-ninth day of October of the said year, a certain area in the Waimate and Waitaki Survey Districts, the boundaries whereof are in the said Order in Council defined, was constituted a Land Drainage District under "The Land Drainage Act, 1893," by the name of "The Wainono Drainage District": And whereas it is alleged that certain lands which are benefited by the works carried out by the Board of Trustees elected under the said Act for the said Wainono Drainage District were by error omitted to be included within the boundaries of the said district, and that certain lands included within the said boundaries should be omitted therefrom, and it is expedient to enable inquiry to be made into the premises with a view to the rectification of the said boundaries, if found just and desirable:
	BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—
Short Title.	1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Wainono Drainage District Adjustment Act, 1903."
Commissioner to be appointed.	2. The Governor may, upon the request of the Board of Trustees of the Wainono Drainage District, appoint a Commissioner whose duty it shall be to hold an inquiry into the question of the expediency or otherwise of readjusting the boundaries of the said drainage district. Such inquiry shall be held at Waimate, and public notification, extending over at least fourteen days, shall be given of the time and place at which the Commissioner will sit for the purpose thereof; and every person affected by any proposal for

the inclusion within the said drainage district of any land not now included therein, and any person claiming to have any land exempted from the said district, shall be entitled to be heard by such Commissioner, and for such purpose the Commissioner shall, at least twenty-eight days before the proposed day of meeting, post a registered letter to the last known address of each of the persons whose property is proposed to be included in such drainage district.

3. Such Commissioner shall have power to recommend the inclusion within the said drainage district of any lands shown to his satisfaction to be benefited by the drainage-works carried out by the Board of Trustees thereof, and the exclusion therefrom of any lands now included therein which are shown to his satisfaction to be not benefited by the said works; and it shall be lawful for the Governor, by Order in Council, to give effect to such recommendation by readjusting the boundaries of the said drainage district accordingly: Provided that nothing in this section contained shall apply to any land which is the property of any aboriginal native.

Powers of  
Commissioner.

4. All expenses in and about the holding of such inquiry shall be defrayed by the Wainono Drainage Board, and may be recovered therefrom as a debt due to the Crown.

Board to defray  
costs of inquiry.