No. 14 of 1957.

An Act to refer to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works certain questions relating to the drainage of land within the metropolitan area.

[Assented to 24th October, 1957.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the "Metropolitan Drainage Works (Investigation) Act, 1957".

2. In this Act—

"the Committee" means the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works:

"the proposed drainage works" means the proposed works for the drainage of floodwaters in the south western suburbs of the metropolitan area, which works are summarized in a document contained in Government file C.S.O. 848/1955, dated 16th August, 1957, and signed by J. R. Dridan, Engineer-in-Chief, and are further explained in the following documents:


(b) A report dated 14th June, 1957, addressed to the Chairman, Marion and Brighton Drainage Committee, and signed by L. F. Lierich, D. H. Susman and J. S. Gerney.
3. The following questions are hereby referred to the Committee, namely—

(a) Whether it is expedient to construct the proposed drainage works either with or without variations; and if variations are recommended what is the nature of them;

(b) Alternatively, should other works for the same or substantially the same purpose as the proposed drainage works be constructed;

(c) Assuming that half of the capital cost of such works as may be recommended by the Committee is to be paid by local governing bodies whose areas will derive benefit from such works, what local governing bodies should contribute to such half-cost, and what should be the share of each contributing body;

(d) In what instalments and at what times should each local governing body pay its share and what rate of interest, if any, should a local governing body pay on outstanding amounts of capital.

(e) Assuming that the proposed drainage works are constructed and that the whole of the annual cost of maintenance of those works is to be paid by local governing bodies, what local governing bodies should contribute to such cost, and what should be the share of each contributing body, and at what time should each contributing body pay its share.

4. The Committee shall inquire into and report upon the questions referred to it by this Act in the same manner as the Committee inquires into public works referred to it by the Governor; and the provisions of the Public Works Standing Committee Act, 1927-1955, shall apply in relation to the inquiry conducted pursuant to this Act and in the same way as they apply to inquiries conducted pursuant to a reference by the Governor.

5. This Act shall not affect any power to refer to the Committee any question whether relating to the proposed drainage works or any other matter.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

R. A. GEORGE, Governor.