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WATER SUPPLIES (OUT ISLANDS)

An Act to regulate and control public water supplies in the Out Islands.*[Commencement 28th May, 1953]*

1. This Act may be cited as the Water Supplies (Out Islands) Act.

2. This Act shall apply to the Out Islands.

3. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“district” means any area in any part of the Out Islands to which the water supply extends or shall from time to time be extended;

“Minister” means the Minister charged with responsibility for Water and Sewerage;

“new premises” means any premises (as hereinafter defined) erected after the commencement of this Act or any premises which have been taken down to an extent exceeding one-half of their cubic measure and re-erected after the commencement of this Act;

“owner” includes the owner of any premises, and the receiver, attorney, agent, manager, guardian or committee of any such owner, and the master or agent of a ship or vessel used in navigation;

“person” includes joint tenants and tenants in common;

“premises” includes any dwelling-house, hotel, shop, office, or other place of business, together with its appurtenances;

“rules” means rules made under this Act;

“sanitary-fixture” includes any bath, bidet, drinking fountain, lavatory, sink, laundry-tray, water-closet, urinal, cistern, flushing-tank, floor-drain, trap, vent, piping or other appliance used for the collection and conveyance of sewage or fluid

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Interpretation.

14 of 1968, s. 3.

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15 of 1963, s. 2..

house refuse to the house-sewer, or the venting thereof;

“service pipe or main” means any pipe line of the water-supply system controlled by the Minister and intended for the distribution of water in a district;

“street” includes any square, court, alley, highway, lane, road, thoroughfare, public passage or place;

“water-supply system” includes any reservoir, dam, tank, well, tunnel, conduit, pipe, fountain, sluice, valve, pump or engine, and any building, structure or appliance used or constructed for the supply, storage, conveyance, measurement or regulation of water, which is used or constructed for the supply of water.

Maintenance of existing system, and future extension.

4. The Minister shall maintain the existing water-supply system within any district, and may from time to time extend the same into, through, across, under or over any street or Crown land, or (subject to the provisions hereinafter contained) any land whatsoever situate within that district.

Power to excavate, and lay pipes.

G.N. 7 (2) of 1964, s. 6.

5. A person authorised by the Minister may enter into any premises within any district or the vicinity thereof at any reasonable hour and examine the same, and make any survey, or plan thereof, or any excavation which may be necessary for the purpose of determining the most suitable position for connecting any water pipe with the water main and may lay any water pipe from the water main to the property line of any premises.

Power to open up streets, etc.

6. For the execution of any work to be undertaken or done, or for the inspection thereof, the Minister may —

- (a) open up any street in a district;
- (b) divert traffic from one street to another;
- (c) deposit upon any part of any street any material, implement, or thing used in connection therewith;
- (d) construct, erect and maintain any barrier, hoarding, fence, culvert, or other work necessary for the purpose, on any street:

Provided that on completion of the work the Minister shall replace road material and restore any such street to its previous condition.