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An Act to provide for the establishment of Water Boards and water-areas and for the administration of such water-areas and for the development, operation and maintenance of waterworks and water-borne sewerage sanitation systems in Malawi and for matters incidental thereto or connected therewith

Part I – Preliminary

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Waterworks Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Board" means a Water Board specified in the Schedule;

"domestic purposes" includes every kind of ordinary household purpose, but does not include the use of any engine or machine, any mining operations, the flushing of any sewer or drain, purposes connected with any trade, manufacture or business, the cleansing of any road, path or pavement, or garden purposes;

"fathering ground" means any natural or artificial surface which collects the rainfall or which contains any spring, well or stream from which water is or is intended to be drawn for the purpose of a waterworks;

"main" means any pipe laid by the Board for the purpose of providing either a general supply of water as distinct from a supply to individual consumers or a general conveyance of sewerage as distinct from the conveyance of sewerage from individual connexions and includes any apparatus used in connexion with such a pipe;

"member" means a member of the Board appointed pursuant to [section 5](#), and includes the Chairman of the Board;

"meter" means any appliance used to measure or ascertain the amount of water taken or used from the waterworks by means of any service;

"occupier" in relation to premises, means any person lawfully occupying such premises;

"premises" includes any land, with or without buildings, and any building, room, hut or shed which is held or occupied as a distinct or separate holding or tenancy;

"public fountain" includes any fountain, standpipe, valve, tap or appliance used or intended to be used for, or in connexion with, the supply of water to the public from the waterworks erected by the Board and which is the property of the Board;

"service" means all pipes, valves, cisterns, casks, fittings and other appliances through which water flows or is intended to flow after leaving the meter on any premises, and which are intended for the supply of water to such premises only;