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**Balclutha Borough (Forestry)  
Empowering Act 1954**

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**Note**

Changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in this reprint.

A general outline of these changes is set out in the notes at the end of this reprint, together with other explanatory material about this reprint.

**An Act to confer powers on the Balclutha Borough Council in respect of forestry and afforestation operations.**

**Preamble**

Whereas many years ago the Balclutha Borough Council (hereinafter called the **Council**) planted timber trees on a public reserve vested in the Mayor, Councillors, and Burgesses of the Borough of Balclutha:

And whereas such plantations are now reaching the stage of development when it is desirable to fell the trees therein and mill the timber resulting therefrom and market the same:

And whereas it is desirable to confer certain additional powers upon the Council in relation to afforestation matters.

**1 Short Title**

This Act may be cited as the Balclutha Borough (Forestry) Empowering Act 1954.

**2 Empowering provisions**

Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Council is hereby empowered to do all or any of the following things:

- (a) to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire any area or areas of land, either with or without improvements, or any interest therein which the Council may deem it desirable to hold for afforestation purposes or other purposes incidental thereto:

provided that no land which in the opinion of the Minister of Lands is or should be used exclusively or principally for agricultural purposes, as defined in subsection 1 of section 2 of the Land Settlement Promotion and Land Acquisition Act 1952, shall be purchased, leased, or otherwise acquired for such purposes as aforesaid:

- (b) to carry on the business of forestry, afforestation, and the nursery production of forest trees, whether indigenous or exotic:
- (c) to cut down, remove, recover, and sell by private sale, tender, or auction any trees, timber, or firewood on or from any existing plantation the property of the Corpor-

ation or on or from any area or areas hereafter acquired pursuant to the authority hereinbefore granted:

- (d) to recover from the trees, timber, or wood or any other like thing by any process whatsoever any products capable of being put to commercial use or profit or to any scientific or other useful purpose, and to sell such articles and things:
- (e) to purchase any tree seeds or nursery stock necessary for the aforesaid business and to recover and sell tree seeds and other forest products from the trees grown by the Council:
- (f) to take all steps which in the opinion of the Council may be necessary or desirable for the prevention or control of fire, including for that purpose the purchase of sheep and cattle and the proper care and maintenance of the same:
- (g) to enter into any contract or agreement for the carrying out of the purposes of this Act.

Section 2(a) proviso: amended, on 19 December 1968, pursuant to section 2(3) of the Land Settlement Promotion and Land Acquisition Amendment Act 1968 (1968 No 152).

- 3 Council empowered to carry on sawmilling operations, etc**  
The Council may for the purposes of this Act establish and carry on any operations or industry relative to the felling, cutting, extraction, removal, conversion, manufacture, transport, distribution, or sale of timber, forest produce, or finished products derived from forest produce, and may construct, purchase, rent, lease, or hire any buildings, machinery, or plant required in connection therewith.

**4 Working plans**

- (1) The Council shall from time to time cause working plans to be prepared for all land under the control of the Council which is for the time being appropriated to forestry purposes.
- (2) Every such working plan shall, subject to the rights existing when the plan comes into operation, and subject to the provisions of this Act, regulate the management of the land de-

scribed in the plan for such period, not exceeding 20 years, as may be stated in the plan.

- (3) Every such working plan shall specify, with respect to the period thereof,—
  - (a) the silvicultural operations to be carried out:
  - (b) the maximum area from which forest produce may be disposed of or the maximum quantity of forest produce that may be disposed of, or both, as the Council thinks fit:
  - (c) the protection and development operations to be carried out:
  - (d) such other matters as the Council thinks fit.
- (4) Every working plan shall be subject to the approval of the Minister of Forests, and, when so approved, shall have effect according to its tenor from a date specified therein, and shall not be altered except by the Minister at the request of the Council.
- (5) The Council shall, within 1 year after the passing of this Act, or within such extended period as the Minister of Forests may allow, prepare a general forest working plan of future operations in respect of a period of not less than 5 years. The plan shall specify fully the silvicultural operations proposed to be carried on during the currency of the plan, and all other matters necessarily connected with forestry operations.
- (6) It shall not be lawful for the Council to carry on such silvicultural operations as aforesaid until the plan has been approved by the Minister of Forests, and all such operations shall be carried on according to the plan as so approved.
- (7) In the month of June in each year the Council shall send to the Minister of Forests a report for the year ending on the 31 March then last past specifying full particulars of the technical operations and of the administration of all land used for the purposes of this Act; and shall at the same time submit a plan of operations and management for the ensuing year, which shall take effect on being approved by the Minister.

## **5 Power to grant licences to work timber**

The Council may from time to time, subject to the provisions of this Act and of any working plan for the time being in force