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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

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SPRING BAY.

PETITION FOR LOCAL WORKS.

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Presented by Mr. Gunn, September 11, 1874, and ordered by the House to be printed.



*To the Honorable the Speaker and the Members of the House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of Spring Bay Municipality, in Public Meeting assembled.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT your Petitioners reside in the Municipality of Spring Bay, upon the East Coast of Tasmania, and are at a great inconvenience through the want of communication with the other districts of the Island; and would respectfully point out that the present means of communication are, besides being inconvenient during a large portion of the year, quite impassable by ordinary means of travelling.

This being a serious drawback to the development of the resources of the district, the inhabitants have at various times expended large sums in order to remedy the evils complained of; but the sum raised by a shilling rate (the amount adopted) has been found insufficient to permit of their doing so without other assistance.

They therefore beg most respectfully to call the attention of your Honorable House to several Local Works they consider necessary; viz.—

1. A bridge over the Ravensdale Rivulet, on the Main Line of Road between Swansea and Hobart Town. This place is impassable in heavy rains, as the smallest flood cuts off all communication at this spot between Glamorgan and Spring Bay.
2. A bridge at the Thumbs' Ford, across the Prosser's River. This after rain is impassable and dangerous. This is the only crossing place for a number of settlers at the Back River, &c. to get their produce to a place of shipment.
3. They would also point out the advisability of a bridge or causeway across the estuary that divides the township of Triabunna; the largest or eastern portion, being surrounded by private properties, is only accessible by water. This difficulty prevents any of the numerous allotments now unsold being taken up, and delays the growth of the township. We would also point out that the present owners of property there find it useless, there being no road whatever to that portion of the township,—an oversight that requires remedying. From this bridge a very little extra expense would make a road and jetty, enabling vessels to come alongside to take in produce, which has now to be boated a mile. This, in addition to the delay, makes freight very costly.

That your Petitioners would also call your attention to the great want of a road to connect our Main Line of Road with the Main Line Railway at their nearest points. This is the more necessary, as the road will be the great highway for the settlers of the East Coast, and would become a feeder to the Main Line Railway, besides the saving of several miles in distance.

Trusting that your Honorable House will favourably entertain, and in your wisdom find means to remedy these great drawbacks to the welfare and prosperity of the district.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

Signed on behalf of the Inhabitants, as decided by Resolution of a Public Meeting, held at the Council Chambers, Spring Bay.

THOMAS CRUTTENDEN, *Warden.*

GEORGE ALBERT MACE,

FRANK TURVEY,

WM. THOS. GILL,

SAML. SALMON,

FREDERICK MACE,

*Councillors Spring Bay  
Municipality.*

*Rural Municipality of Spring Bay, September 9th, 1874.*

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