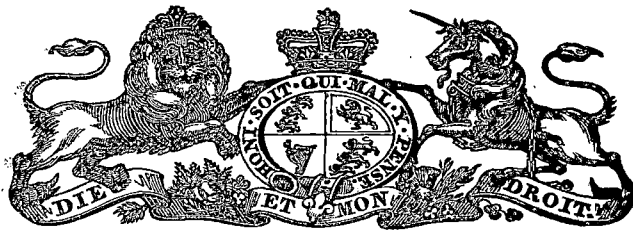


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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

WATER SUPPLY, BOTHWELL AND HAMILTON
DISTRICTS :

P E T I T I O N .

Presented by Mr. Dodery, October 10, and ordered by the Legislative Council to
be printed.



*To the Honorable the President and Members of the Legislative Council,
in Parliament assembled.*

The humble Petition of the undersigned Inhabitants of the District of Hamilton,

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT whereas a Bill is now before Parliament having for its object the supply of water from Lakes Crescent and Sorell to the Midland District, and possibly invoking the repeal of the Clyde Water Act :

Your Petitioners are apprehensive that, unless great caution is exercised in legislating on this subject, the present and prospective interests of the Bothwell and Hamilton Districts in regard to water supply are in danger of being injuriously affected.

Your Petitioners would point out that the quantity of water at present made use of for irrigation and for other purposes in the Bothwell and Hamilton Districts affords no guide in estimating the quantity which may be ultimately required, inasmuch as large areas of land in both Districts can, and in all probability will, be irrigated in the future if the supply of water is found sufficient.

Your Petitioners strongly protest against any water being diverted from Lake Crescent or Lake Sorell unless it can be proved by the evidence of reliable experts that, notwithstanding such diversion, there will still remain in Lake Crescent a sufficient quantity of water to supply all the probable requirements of the Bothwell and Hamilton Districts.

Your Petitioners, in submitting this subject for the consideration of your Honorable House, respectfully pray that, in any future legislation on the subject, the rights of your Petitioners may be duly protected.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow 55 signatures.]