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P E T I T I O N

FROM THE RATEPAYERS OF THE ROAD DISTRICT OF
EVANDALE, PRAYING THAT CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE
ROAD ACT MAY BE AMENDED.

Presented by Mr. Wedge, and ordered by the Council to be printed, 28 October, 1857.



To the Honourable the Members of the Legislative Council in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of the Ratepayers of the Road District of Evandale, praying that Sections 7, 10, and 27 of the Cross and Bye Roads Act, 17 Vict. No. 16, may be amended.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT at a Public Meeting of the Ratepayers of the said District, held at Evandale on the 10th October, 1857, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted :—

1st. That it is the opinion of this Meeting that some of the Clauses of the present Road Act are neither just nor equitable in principle, and ought to be amended.

2nd. That the Clause fixing the number of votes to which Landholders and Householders are entitled requires revision, inasmuch as the franchise is too low ; and that the following scale be substituted, viz., for 5s. one vote, 10s. two votes, 30s. three votes, 40s. four votes, and 60s. five votes.

3rd. That the 10th Section requires amendment in such manner as to authorise the levying assessments on the rental or *annual valued rental* of all descriptions of Lands, instead of fixing the rate upon *average*, as at present.

4th. That this Meeting suggests the necessity of an alteration in the 27th Section of the Act, to enable Trustees to procure materials for repairing roads from cultivated as well as uncultivated Lands under proper restrictions, and upon compensation being awarded to the owners or occupiers thereof.

5th. That the Resolutions passed at this Meeting be embodied in an Address to both Houses of Parliament, signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Meeting.

Your Petitioners would therefore urge upon your Honourable House the necessity that exists for a revision of the several Clauses above enumerated ; and that such alterations may be made therein as in your wisdom may be deemed advisable.

And in duty bound they will ever pray, &c.

JOCELYN B. THOMAS, *Chairman.*