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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 12, 1888 ; and ordered by the Legislative
Council to be printed, January 17, 1889.



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

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of Bothwell and "Clyde Water Trust,"

SHOWETH :

That your Petitioners are informed that an Irrigation Bill is about being introduced for consideration, by which, if passed, the waters of Lake Sorell will be diverted from their natural channel with the object of supplying a sufficiency for irrigation purposes to an extensive area to the eastward of Lakes Sorell and Crescent.

That your Petitioners, while recognising the value of irrigation as a national source of wealth, and the immense advantages of storing water in reservoirs for that purpose, desire to enter their protest against any action being taken which would deprive them of their inherent right to the undiminished use of the waters of Lake Sorell for domestic and irrigation purposes.

That many of your Petitioners are dependent for the means of livelihood on this supply, any uncertainty or irregularity in which would ruinously affect the value of their properties.

That any water rate to be imposed by the Bill, if passed, should not apply to the inhabitants of Bothwell or Hamilton, as they already hold a vested interest in the before-mentioned water supply, of which no equitable legislation can deprive them, or demand a rate for privileges of which they are, and ever have been since the earliest days of settlement, in undisturbed possession.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable House will afford them protection by declining to assent to the repeal of "The Clyde Water Act."

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Signed, on behalf of the Inhabitants, by—

A. M'DOWALL, *Warden Bothwell Municipality.*
WILLIAM NICHOLAS, *Chairman Clyde Water Trust.*
E. NICHOLAS, *Member Clyde Water Trust.*

11 October, 1888.