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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

NOXIOUS TRADES AREA AT MOWBRAY:

PETITIONS AGAINST.

(Mr. Rooke, September 23, 1890.)

Ordered by the Legislative Council to be printed.



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

The humble Petition of the Committee of the Tasmanian Turf Club,

SHEWETH :

THAT your Petitioners learn that it is the intention of the Central Board of Health to acquire and set apart about 70 to 100 acres of land situate at Mowbray, near the City of Launceston, and in close proximity to the Racecourse Railway Station, for the purposes of a Noxious Trades Area under the provisions of "The Public Health Act, 1889."

That the land intended to be so acquired and set apart as aforesaid adjoins the property which is now and has for many years past been used and occupied by the Tasmanian Turf Club for holding their race meetings, and also for other purposes connected with horse-racing.

That the various race meetings of the Tasmanian Turf Club are attended by a very large majority of the inhabitants of Launceston and the surrounding districts, more especially the meeting held in the month of February in each year.

That the fact of the land in question being so acquired and set apart for the purposes of a Noxious Trades Area, and of the establishment and carrying on of Noxious Trades in such close proximity to the said course, will have the effect of greatly decreasing the attendance at all races and other sporting meetings which may be held thereon, and also prove extremely offensive to all persons attending or using the course or stables thereon and travelling thereto by rail.

That the Tasmanian Turf Club is the largest and most influential racing club in Northern Tasmania, and has expended large sums of money in erecting and making improvements upon the said course for the benefit and convenience of persons attending the race meetings, and such falling off in the numbers attending such meetings as would result in consequence of offensive odours arising from the carrying on of Noxious Trades in such close proximity as now proposed by the Central Board of Health would result in considerable pecuniary loss to the Club, and also tend to lower the standard of their meetings.

That at a meeting of your Petitioners duly convened and held on the 16th day of September, 1890, the Chairman of such Committee was duly instructed and authorised to sign the Petition on behalf of your Petitioners.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House may be pleased to take such steps as you may in your wisdom deem expedient for preventing the creation of a nuisance in close proximity to the property used and occupied by the Tasmanian Turf Club.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

CHAS. YOUL, *Chairman.*

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONORABLE HOUSE :

WE, the undersigned William C. Grubb and James Lamont, being the owners of land situated at Mowbray, near Launceston, humbly beg to bring under your notice that it has been proposed to take certain portions of our said land for the purpose of a Noxious Trades Area; and as we are perfectly aware that individual rights and objections should not carry much weight where the public weal is concerned, we do nevertheless hereby protest on the ground that the site is not a suitable one, and in order to show that such is the case, we trust your Honorable House will ascertain if the following allegations are not correct, and finding such, we feel assured you will not sanction its acquisition.

1. We submit that the site is not sufficiently removed from the centres of population, being little over than two miles from the Launceston Post Office, about one mile from the centre of the rapidly rising suburb of Invermay, and barely half a mile from its boundary; and taking into consideration the growth of buildings at Invermay and Mowbray during the last five years, it is only reasonable to expect that the verge of the proposed area will be reached in a very short limit of time.

2. That if the proposed area is taken it will be detrimental to a very considerable area of beautiful building sites admirably situated for suburban residences.

3. That the said site is so contiguous to the Mowbray Racecourse, where large numbers of people are often assembled, that its very presence must necessarily prove offensive, and have a detrimental effect on this popular recreation ground.

4. That the site will require a sewer of at least two miles in length to carry the sewage into the Tamar, and the cost of this will be at least £1500 for pipes alone, as we have been assured by competent persons that nothing less than a 15-inch pipe will be suitable; and although it may be argued that a smaller pipe would do for a start, it will be obvious that the larger pipe must prove the most economical.

5. That from the Report of the Superintendent of Waterworks *re* Water Supply, it appears that a supply cannot be guaranteed during the day time,—a statement in itself which should prove a bar.

6. On personal grounds we object and protest because of the damage which will accrue to our other surrounding property, it having been our intention shortly to have placed this very land on the market in the shape of suburban lots, a high figure having been offered us by a speculator for this very purpose. And, further, the surface drainage into the Newnham Creek will utterly destroy that water supply upon which the inhabitants of Newnham Village and others so largely depend, not only for domestic purposes, but for watering their stock.

We have, we think, in the foregoing, stated sufficient to prove that the site chosen is not a suitable one; and as another is available on the Tamar within easy reach of Launceston, possessing the advantage of cheap sewerage, a good road, water carriage, and the distance to convey the water supply little more than to Mowbray, with a certainty of a constant supply, we therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will not consent to the acquisition of the proposed site at Mowbray.

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

WILLIAM C. GRUBB.
JAMES LAMONT.