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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TAXATION FOR MAIN LINE RAILWAY:

PETITION FROM NEW NORFOLK.

Presented by Mr. Whyte, December 1; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
December 14, 1871.



To the Honorable the Members of the Legislative Council.

The Petition of the undersigned Electors and Householders of the District of New Norfolk.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

Your Petitioners view with alarm the great increase of taxation that must result from the Contract for the Main Line Railway.

They respectfully point out that they cannot derive any benefit from the Line ; and believe its construction will necessitate the withdrawal of steam communication between New Norfolk and Hobart Town, and thus increase the cost of conveying their produce to a market.

Your Petitioners most respectfully urge your Honorable House to adopt the principle of the Irish Railway Acts, which is that each owner be assessed with reference to the advantages derived from the Railway.

Your Petitioners respectfully submit that a great injustice would be done if the interest upon the cost of constructing the Main Line or any other Railway be not provided upon the principle that owners of property should be rated in proportion to the advantages derived from such Railway.

Your Petitioners earnestly trust that your Honorable House will take this Petition into consideration, and, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 191 Signatures.]