

Act No. 102, 1902.

An Act to amend the Gold and Mineral Dredging Act, 1899. [17th December, 1902.]

GOLD AND MINERAL
DREDGING
(AMENDING).

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Gold and Mineral Dredging (Amending) Act, 1902," and shall be construed with the Gold and Mineral Dredging Act, 1899, hereinafter in this Act termed the Principal Act.

Short title and
incorporation.

2. The yearly rent payable to the Crown for any Crown land comprised in a lease under the Principal Act shall, after the commencement of this Act, be two shillings and sixpence for every acre of such land.

Rent payable to
Crown.

3. A royalty of one per centum on the value of all gold or other minerals won from any land, leased under the Principal Act, shall be payable to the Crown, at the times, and in the manner, prescribed by regulations, in addition to any rent payable in respect of such land.

Royalty payable to
the Crown.

4. Where it is desired that any lease or leases under the Principal Act shall be amalgamated with any lease or leases for dredging purposes granted under the Mining Act of 1874 or the Mining Act Further Amendment Act of 1884, application may be made to the Minister to authorise such amalgamation. The Minister shall refer every such application to the warden, who shall inquire in open court as to the application, and report thereon to the Minister.

Amalgamation of
leases.

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Municipal Loans Validating.

The Minister on receipt of such report may refuse or authorise such amalgamation, and in the latter case such amalgamation shall be effected in such manner and the amalgamated leases shall be subject to such conditions as are prescribed by regulations made in that behalf.

Regulations.

5. The Governor may make regulations for carrying out the provisions of this Act and in particular for assessing and securing the payment of any royalty payable thereunder, and for that purpose may in those regulations prescribe the returns to be made by lessees and persons working any land leased as in section two mentioned, or receiving gold or other minerals from any such land, and may authorise the entry upon any land and the taking of any ore or metal won therefrom, and impose any penalty not exceeding fifty pounds for any breach of such regulations.

The provisions of the Principal Act in respect of regulations made under that Act shall apply to regulations made under this Act.
