**WATER CONSERVATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL 1969**

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Second reading

**The Hon. C. M. HILL (Minister of Local Government**): I move:

*That this Bill be now read a second time.*

It is complementary to the Supreme Court Act Amendment Bill at present before the Council. Its purpose is to vest certain valuation jurisdictions existing under the Water Conservation Act in the Land and Valuation Court.

Clauses 1 and 2 are formal. Clause 3 inserts a definition of “the Land and Valuation Court” in section 5 of the principal Act. Clause 4 amends section 31 of the principal Act. Under section 30 a person may appeal against an assessment in a water district on any of the grounds set out in that section. Section 31 at present provides that such an appeal must be made to the local court of full jurisdiction nearest to the water district. This reference to the local court is struck out and a reference to the Land and Valuation Court is inserted in lieu thereof.

Clause 5 repeals and re-enacts section 32 of the principal Act, which deals with the procedure upon an appeal, and it is re-enacted in an appropriate form as the appeal is to be made to the Supreme Court.

Clause 6 amends section 33 of the principal Act. Here again, an appropriate amendment is made to the form of the section as jurisdiction is to be vested in the Land and Valuation Court. The court is vested with power to make such orders as it thinks reasonable in the case, and orders for costs and other ancillary orders as it thinks just. Clause 7 repeals sections 34 and 35 of the principal Act which are not necessary as jurisdiction is now to be vested in the Land and Valuation Court.

The Hon. S. C. BEVAN secured the adjournment of the debate.