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Port Hedland—Nullagine Railway.

Public Works Department,

Perth, 6th October, 1905.

1. The Western Australian Government having determined, subject to the approval of Parliament, to grant a concession for the construction of a railway from Port Hedland to Nullagine, invites applications from persons wishing to acquire such concession. Applications are to be addressed to the Under Secretary, Public Works Department, Perth, and must be delivered on or before the 30th November, 1905.

2. Every applicant will be required to produce evidence, to the satisfaction of the Minister for Works, of his financial ability to carry out the construction, maintenance, and working of the railway.

3. On or before the approval of an application, the concessionary will be required to deposit with the Western Australian Government at the Treasury, Perth, the sum of Twenty-five thousand pounds as a guarantee for the due completion of the railway in the terms of an agreement to be made between the Minister for Works on behalf of the Western Australian Government and the concessionary, and for the due observance and performance of the terms and conditions thereof. Interest at the rate of three per cent. per annum will be allowed by the Western Australian Government upon such deposit. The draft of such agreement may be inspected at the Department of Public Works, Perth.

4. On Statutory authority for the construction of the railway being given by Parliament, the concessionary will acquire the powers of a local authority under "The Public Works Act, 1902"; and the land required for the railway, as shown by the plans, will be provided by the Government free of cost, but this will not include land for ballast, quarries, or kindred purposes, except on vacant Crown lands approved of by the Minister for Works.

5. The railway will be required to be constructed according to plans and specifications to be approved by and under and subject to the supervision and in accordance with the directions of the Engineer-in-Chief, and to his satisfaction, and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said agreement. Proposed plans and specifications have been prepared and may be inspected at the Department of Public Works, Perth.

6. The concessionary will be required to maintain and work the railway continuously for the carriage of passengers, goods, minerals, and live stock.

7. The concessionary will be required at all times to maintain in good order and to the satisfaction of the Engineer-in-Chief the whole line and its equipment, or such sections thereof as are for the time being declared open for traffic; and for such purpose to grant all facilities for the examination of the line and rolling-stock to any officer or officers nominated by the Engineer-in-Chief.

8. It will be provided that the concessionary, in the management of the said railway, may exercise the powers and privileges, and shall be subject to such duties and liabilities as the Commissioner of Railways may exercise and is subject to in respect of Government railways.

9. The scales of charges for the carriage of passengers, goods, minerals, and live stock are to be approved from time to time by the Government of Western Australia, but the same shall not be lower than the scales of charges in force for the time being on Government railways.

10. The motive power will be at the option of the concessionary; but at least one train a day, travelling at a speed of not less than fifteen miles an hour, including stoppages, will be required to go through from end to end of the line (unless the Minister for Works sanctions a lesser service), failing which the concessionary shall be liable to prescribed penalties.



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