

Civil Defence Emergency Management Amendment Bill (No 2)

Government Bill

Explanatory note

General policy statement

This Bill amends the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 (the **principal Act**) to provide that the national civil defence emergency management strategy (**National CDEM Strategy**) remains in place until 9 April 2019.

The principal Act requires the Minister of Civil Defence to have a National CDEM Strategy in place at all times. The current National CDEM Strategy expires on 9 January 2018.

The Government appointed a technical advisory group to identify improvements in New Zealand's response to natural disasters and other emergencies. This Bill extends the period of time for which the existing National CDEM Strategy remains in effect to provide time for the Government to consider the technical advisory group's findings before finalising a new National CDEM Strategy.

The Bill adds a provision to Schedule 1AA (transitional, savings, and related provisions) of the principal Act allowing the current National CDEM Strategy to remain in effect until 9 April 2019.

Departmental disclosure statement

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is required to prepare a disclosure statement to assist with the scrutiny of this Bill. The disclosure statement provides access to information about the policy development of the Bill and identifies any significant or unusual legislative features of the Bill.

A copy of the statement can be found at <http://legislation.govt.nz/disclosure.aspx?type=bill&subtype=government&year=2017&no=292>

Clause by clause analysis

Clause 1 is the Title clause.

Clause 2 states that the Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Clause 3 states the name of the Act being amended.

Clause 4 amends Schedule 1AA of the principal Act to insert *new Part 2* which provides that the current National CDEM Strategy remains in effect up to the close of 9 April 2019. This is 15 months beyond the maximum period otherwise provided for under section 34(1)(b) of the principal Act.

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

- 1 Title**
This Act is the Civil Defence Emergency Management Amendment Act **2017**.
- 2 Commencement**
This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent. 5
- 3 Principal Act**
This Act amends the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 (the **principal Act**).
- 4 Schedule 1AA amended** 10
In Schedule 1AA, after clause 7, insert the Part 2 set out in the Schedule of this Act.

Schedule
New Part 2 inserted in Schedule 1AA

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Part 2
**Provision relating to Civil Defence Emergency Management
Amendment Act 2017** 5

- 8** **Continuation of national civil defence emergency management strategy to 2019**
- Despite section 34(1)(b), the national civil defence emergency management strategy that took effect on 10 January 2008, unless it is earlier amended or replaced, remains current (in effect) until the close of 9 April 2019. 10