



Annie Oxborough Birth Parents Registration Act 2023

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Commencement see section 2

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Preamble

- (1) Lisa Clarke, the biological child of Susan Mary Cox (née Clarke) and Scott Geoffrey Sinel, was born on 21 February 1971. Scott Sinel was not listed on the pre-adoptive birth certificate as his name was not provided at the time of Lisa's birth:
- (2) Lisa was subsequently adopted in accordance with the Adoption Act 1955. Her post-adoptive birth certificate was issued on 16 December 1971 at the Magistrate's Court in Auckland in the name of Angela Joy Marshall, being the legal child of an adoptive mother and adoptive father. This post-adoptive birth certificate is the legal source of Annie Oxborough's identity:
- (3) Angela's name was subsequently changed to Ann Joy Marshall (known as Annie) by deed poll by her adoptive parents on 5 June 1976:
- (4) Annie Marshall married in 1990 and changed her surname to Oxborough:
- (5) Both of Annie's adoptive parents are deceased:

- (6) As an adult, Annie has made contact with and formed a relationship with her biological parents:
- (7) Annie seeks to replace the names of her adoptive parents in her birth record with those of her biological parents so that the record of Annie's birth includes a true account of her lineage:
- (8) A Private Bill is the only mechanism by which Annie can achieve this outcome:

The Parliament of New Zealand therefore enacts as follows:

1 Title

This Act is the Annie Oxborough Birth Parents Registration Act 2023.

2 Commencement

This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

3 Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

birth record means the part of the registry of births, deaths, and relationships that contains Annie Oxborough's birth information

new birth certificate means the birth certificate issued to Annie Oxborough under section 6 after the information in her birth record is updated

post-adoptive birth certificate means the birth certificate in the name of Angela Joy Marshall issued on 16 December 1971 at the Magistrates Court in Auckland

pre-adoptive birth certificate means the birth certificate containing information from the original birth record before Annie Oxborough's adoption

principal Act means the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 2021

Registrar-General has the same meaning as in section 2 of the principal Act.

4 Registration of Annie Oxborough's biological parents in her birth record

The Registrar-General must replace, as soon as reasonably practicable and in accordance with sections 32 and 35 of the principal Act, the mother and father named in Annie Oxborough's birth record with the names of Susan Mary Cox as mother and Scott Geoffrey Sinel as father as if the Registrar-General had received notice under section 31 of the principal Act containing that information.

5 Adoption order not affected

Nothing in section 4 affects the adoption order made in favour of Annie Oxborough's adoptive parents.

6 New birth certificate must be issued and must cite this Act

- (1) As soon as reasonably practicable after replacing the names in Annie Oxborough's birth record in accordance with section 4, the Registrar-General must issue a new birth certificate to Annie Oxborough based on the information in the updated birth record.
- (2) The new birth certificate, and any other birth certificate that may be issued based on the information in Annie Oxborough's birth record, must state that it is issued in accordance with this Act.

Legislative history

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