

ANALYSIS

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1958, No. 58

An Act to amend the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908 [2 October 1958]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Commissions of Inquiry Amendment Act 1958, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).
- 2. Appointment of Commissions of Inquiry—(1) The principal Act is hereby amended by repealing section two (as amended by section two of the Commissions of Inquiry Amendment Act 1920), and substituting the following section:
- "2. The Governor-General may, by Order in Council, appoint any person or persons to be a Commission to inquire into and report upon any question arising out of or concerning—

"(a) The administration of the Government; or

"(b) The working of any existing law; or

"(c) The necessity or expediency of any legislation; or

"(d) The conduct of any officer in the service of the Crown;

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- "(e) Any disaster or accident (whether due to natural causes or otherwise) in which members of the public were killed or injured or were or might have been exposed to risk of death or injury."
- (2) The Commissions of Inquiry Amendment Act 1920 is hereby repealed.
- 3. Persons interested entitled to be heard at inquiry—
 (1) The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section four, the following section:

"4a. Any person interested in the inquiry shall, if he satisfies the Commission that he has an interest in the inquiry apart from any interest in common with the public, be entitled to appear and be heard at the inquiry as if he had been cited as a party to the inquiry."

(2) Section eleven of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in the proviso, after the words "cited as a party", the words "or authorised by the Commission, pursuant to section four A of this Act, to appear and be heard at the inquiry".