

BROADCASTING CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill amends the Broadcasting Corporation Act 1961.

Clause 1 relates to the Short Title.

Clause 2: As originally enacted, section 16 (2) of the principal Act provided that the Director-General of Broadcasting was to be appointed by the Governor-General in Council, on the recommendation of the Corporation, to hold office for a term of 5 years. Section 16 (3) however provided that the Director-General was to retire at 65, and could be removed from office by the Governor-General in Council, on the recommendation of the Corporation, for disability, bankruptcy, neglect of duty, or misconduct.

By section 4 of the Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Act 1967 subsection (2) of section 16 was replaced by a new subsection (2) under which the Corporation is given the power itself to appoint the Director-General to hold office for such term and on such conditions as the Corporation thinks fit (without reference to the Governor-General in Council). Subsection (3), as to removal, was not then amended. The result is that although the Corporation has the power of appointment it does not have the power of removal, but only a power to recommend removal.

This clause amends section 16 (3) so that the Corporation, instead of the Governor-General in Council, has the power of removal.

Clause 3 inserts in the principal Act a new section 17A empowering the Corporation to engage persons on contract to provide services or do work for the Corporation. At present, apart from the power to appoint officers and employees under section 17, the Corporation's power to contract with persons for broadcasting services is limited, under section 14, to the provision of programmes for broadcasting.

Hon. Mr Walker

BROADCASTING CORPORATION AMENDMENT

ANALYSIS

Title	
1. Short Title	
2. Director-General	
	3. Engagement of persons on contract

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Broadcasting Corporation Act 1961

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

- 5 **1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Broadcasting Corporation Amendment Act 1971, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Broadcasting Corporation Act 1961* (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).
- 10 **2. Director-General**—Section 16 of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection (3) the words “by the Governor-General in Council, on the recommendation of the Corporation”, and substituting the words “by the Corporation”.
- 15 **3. Engagement of persons on contract**—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 17, the following section:
- 20 “17A. The Corporation may from time to time enter into contracts with persons, on such terms and conditions as the Corporation thinks fit, to provide such services or perform such work as the Corporation may require.”

*1961, No. 117
Amendments: 1965, No. 40; 1967, No. 146; 1968, No. 70; 1970, No. 49

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