

*Hon. M. A. Connelly*

**LANDSLIP AND WATER AND SOIL MANAGEMENT  
ASSISTANCE**

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ANALYSIS

Title	3. Land Development Assistance
1. Short Title	4. Assistance to local authorities
2. Amendments to the Earthquake and War Damage Regulations 1956	5. Regulations Schedule

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A BILL INTITULED

**An Act to extend assistance to property owners, in the case of damage caused by landslip, and to local authorities and others to promote improved water and soil management**

5 **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 Landslip and Water and Soil Management Assistance Act 1976.

10 **2. Amendments to the Earthquake and War Damage Regulations 1956**—The Minister of Works and Development shall prepare, with all reasonable speed, and submit for the consideration of the Governor-General in Council the amendments to the Earthquake and War Damage Regulations 1956  
15 set out in the Schedule hereto.

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**3. Land Development Assistance**—The Minister of Works and Development shall as often as is necessary—

- (a) Prepare and make available to interested persons and bodies, guidelines for water and soil management in rural land developments so as to assist local authorities in assuming greater responsibilities and taking greater care in regard thereto; and 5
- (b) Assist catchment authorities and local authorities in respect of their responsibilities arising out of urban land development through the provision of technical advice, promulgation of codes of practice, and the like. 10

**4. Assistance to local authorities**—The National Water and Soil Conservation Authority may provide by way of subsidy such direct financial assistance as the Minister may approve on appropriate works: 15

- (a) To improve local authority and private developer planning for water management and soil conservation in land development work; and
- (b) To enable local authorities to remedy past mistakes in not providing for hydrological and other changes caused by urban land development. 20

**5. Regulations**—The Governor-General may by Order in Council make regulations providing for local authorities to be legally responsible for the consequences of instability arising on developed sections which have been approved by them as being suitable for housing and also authorising local authorities to provide and maintain a special fund to meet the cost of repairing sections damaged by landslip. 25

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**SCHEDULE**

Section 2

1. To permit the Earthquake and War Damage Commission to meet for homeowners the cost of relocating an insured building used as a dwelling place, irretrievably threatened by landslip, to some other site provided by the owner:

2. To permit a homeowner in respect of an insured building used as a dwelling place, irretrievably threatened by landslip and a total loss structurally, to qualify under a claim as a material total loss notwithstanding the structure is not a total loss materially:

3. To permit the Earthquake and War Damage Commission to contribute towards the cost of section repairs carried out with the approval of the said Commission, to prevent damage or further damage to an insured building used as a dwelling place in respect of homeowners, but limited to 10 percent of the sum insured on the building, preserved from damage, or from further damage, by the site restoration work.