

MANAPOURI – TE ANAU DEVELOPMENT AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill amends the Manapouri – Te Anau Development Act 1963.

Clause 1 relates to the Short Title.

Clause 2: At present the maximum and minimum levels of Lakes Manapouri and Te Anau are fixed by the provisos to section 4 (1) (c) of the principal Act.

This clause provides that these and other operating levels are to be determined under operating guidelines, promulgated by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*, based on the recommendations of the Guardians of Lakes Manapouri and Te Anau, aimed to protect the existing patterns, ecological stability, and recreational values of their vulnerable shorelines and to optimise the energy output of the Manapouri power station.

Departures from these guidelines are to be reported as soon as practicable to the Minister of Energy and the Minister for the Environment and included in the annual report of the Ministry of Energy.

Hon. Mr Birch

**MANAPOURI - TE ANAU DEVELOPMENT
AMENDMENT**

ANALYSIS

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Lakes Manapouri and Te Anau

A BILL INTITULED

**An Act to amend the Manapouri - Te Anau Development
Act 1963**

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

1. **Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Manapouri-
Te Anau Development Amendment Act 1981, and shall be
read together with and deemed part of the Manapouri-
10 Te Anau Development Act 1963* (hereinafter referred to as
the principal Act).

2. **Operating guidelines for levels of Lakes Manapouri and
Te Anau**—(1) The principal Act is hereby amended by
inserting, after section 4, the following section:
15 “4A. (1) The Minister shall from time to time promulgate
by notice in the *Gazette*, operating guidelines based on recom-
mendations submitted to him by the Guardians of Lakes
Manapouri and Te Anau for the levels of those lakes aimed to
protect the existing patterns, ecological stability, and recrea-
20 tional values of their vulnerable shorelines and to optimise the
energy output of the Manapouri power station.

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“(2) Notwithstanding anything in section 4 of this Act, anything operated, used, constructed, or provided pursuant to that section shall, except in exceptional natural circumstances or where life or structures are endangered, comply with the operating guidelines promulgated by the Minister under subsection (1) of this section. 5

“(3) Details of any departure from the operating guidelines shall be reported as soon as practicable to the Minister of Energy and the Minister for the Environment, and shall be included in the annual report of the Ministry of Energy made under section 29 of the Ministry of Energy Act 1977.” 10

(2) Section 4 of the principal Act is hereby consequentially amended by repealing the provisos to subsection (1) (c) and also subsection (2).