

NOXIOUS WEEDS AMENDMENT

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill provides that no person shall have any water hyacinth in his possession, and imposes an obligation on occupiers of land to keep the land clear of water hyacinth. An Inspector may serve notice of these requirements on any person, and any person who fails to comply with these requirements after the expiration of twenty-eight days from the date of the service of any such notice on him commits an offence which is punishable under section 29 of the principal Act by a fine not exceeding £50.

Right Hon. Mr Holyoake

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ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Noxious Weeds Act 1950

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

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Noxious Weeds Amendment Act 1956, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Noxious Weeds Act 1950 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

10 **2. Water hyacinth**—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section eleven, the following section:

“11A. (1) No person shall have in his possession any water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*).

15 “(2) Every occupier of land on which water hyacinth is growing shall clear that land of water hyacinth and keep that land so cleared.

“(3) Any Inspector may serve notice on any person drawing his attention to his obligations under this section.

“(4) Every person who fails to comply with or acts in contravention of any of the provisions of this section at any time after the expiration of twenty-eight days after the date of the service of any such notice on him commits an offence against this Act: 5

“Provided that for the purposes of this subsection an agent or trustee of an occupier of any land shall be deemed not to be an occupier of the land unless the agent or trustee is in actual occupation of the land and is both a legal and a beneficial owner of the land.” 10