

ROYAL POWERS BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THE purpose of this Bill is to provide for the exercise by Her Majesty the Queen in New Zealand of the statutory powers conferred on the Governor-General.

The Governor-General is the representative of Her Majesty, and all his powers are exercisable by him on Her Majesty's behalf. But in so far as the royal powers are statutory, the New Zealand statutes confer them on the Governor-General without mentioning the Sovereign. This Bill makes it clear that all such powers are exercisable by Her Majesty in person as well as by the Governor-General.

Right Hon. Mr Holland

ROYAL POWERS

ANALYSIS

Title	2. Exercise of royal powers by Her Majesty the Queen or the Governor-General.
1. Short Title.	

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT relating to the royal powers exercisable by Her Majesty the Queen or the Governor-General. Title.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Royal Powers Act 1953. Short Title.

2. (1) It is hereby declared that every power conferred on the Governor-General by any enactment is a royal power which is exercisable by him on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, and may accordingly be exercised either by Her Majesty in person or by the Governor-General. Exercise of royal powers by Her Majesty the Queen or the Governor-General.

(2) It is hereby further declared that every reference in any Act to the Governor-General in Council or any other like expression includes a reference to Her Majesty the Queen acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of New Zealand.

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