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**WHANGAREI CITY EMPOWERING
(INFORMATION CENTRE)**

[LOCAL]

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to extend the powers of the Whangarei City Council to establish, operate, and manage an information centre and public relations office

5 WHEREAS the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Whangarei has for some time past established and operated a public relations office: And whereas the Council desires to establish and operate an information centre: And whereas it is desired to extend the scope and activities of the public
10 relations office to include an information centre:

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

15 **1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Whangarei City Empowering (Information Centre) Act 1976.

2. Interpretation—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“City” means the City of Whangarei:

“Council” means the Whangarei City Council.

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3. Council may operate information centre and public relations office—In addition to the powers conferred on the Council by the Municipal Corporations Act 1954 and other Acts, the Council is hereby authorised and empowered and is hereby deemed always to have been authorised and empowered, to establish, operate, and manage in the city an information centre and public relations office to promote the advancement and development of the city or of any area or areas whose advancement or development would or might tend to benefit the city, and to educate and instruct the public concerning the activities of the city or of any such area or areas.

4. Additional powers of Council in respect of information centre and public relations office—Without limiting the generality of section 3 of this Act, and in addition to the powers conferred on the Council by the Municipal Corporations Act 1954 and other Acts, the Council is hereby authorised and empowered and is hereby deemed always to have been authorised and empowered, as part of the activities of such information centre and public relations office—

- (a) To buy and sell maps, postcards, photographic transparencies, films, souvenirs, and gift items:
- (b) To act as agent for the sale of tickets for scenic tours, by air, road, and water, or a combination of the same, and to charge commissions for so doing:
- (c) To act as agent for the proprietors of accommodation houses of any kind for the booking of accommodation, and to charge a fee or commission for so doing:
- (d) To let advertising space in the information centre authorised by section 3 of this Act and in any handbooks, abstracts, or other publications published by the Council pursuant to section 305 (1) (f) of the Municipal Corporations Act 1954, and to charge for the same:
- (e) To act as agent for and in all respects as arranger of tours and performances by artists and performers, whether of New Zealand or overseas origin, throughout Northland as defined in section 24 of the Northland Harbour Board Act 1965, and to charge for such services whether by way of commission or fee:

- (f) To act as agent for and in all respects as arranger of conferences of all types throughout Northland as hereinbefore defined, and to charge for such services, whether by way of commission or fee:
 - 5 (g) To act as employment agent on behalf of employers and employees and to charge employers for such services, whether by way of commission or fee:
 - (h) To provide a service as a public relations consultant in all forms and to charge a fee for such a service.
- 10 **5. Council to keep accounts**—(1) For the purposes of this section the term “undertaking” means the information centre and public relations office.
- (2) The Council shall—
- 15 (a) Keep a separate account in respect of the undertaking, to which shall be credited all money received in connection with the undertaking and to which shall be debited all expenditure properly chargeable against the account:
 - 20 (b) Prepare a statement showing its income and expenditure in respect of the undertaking for the financial year that ended on the preceding 31st day of March and also a balance sheet in respect of the undertaking as at the end of that financial year:
 - 25 (c) Establish a renewal or depreciation fund in respect of the undertaking as if the undertaking were a trading undertaking within the meaning of Part XI of the Municipal Corporations Act 1954, and the provisions of that Part shall, with any necessary modifications, apply accordingly.
- 30 **6. Finance**—The Council is hereby authorised and empowered to meet any deficit in the establishment, operation, or management of the information centre and public relations office from its general account.