

of unregistered unemployment), should not be made available to him and accordingly direct you pursuant to section 32 (1) (a) of the Official Information Act 1982 not to release it.

2. The grounds for the direction are that pursuant to section 9 of the Official Information Act, and notwithstanding the opinion of the Chief Ombudsman, the release of the information sought would undermine the constitutional conventions as to the neutrality of officials and the confidentiality of their advice. It would also undermine the free and frank expression of opinion between Ministers and officials and the protection of officials from improper pressure or harassment.

3. More specifically:

- (a) Opinions of departmental officials on unregistered unemployment could well be at variance with those of the Government. This would be likely to draw officials into public debate, whereas the distancing of officials from such debate is an important constitutional convention designed to maintain their political neutrality.
- (b) By virtue of the fact that the opinion of officials on unregistered unemployment may imply a need for policy initiatives, release of the information would necessarily breach the constitutional convention which protects the confidentiality of advice tendered to Ministers of the Crown by officials.
- (c) Occasions are envisaged when, under conditions of particular uncertainty officials may refrain from preparing information which includes estimates of unregistered unemployment if there exists a possibility that they would be misrepresented in the political arena or used for purely political purposes. This would clearly serve to constrain the "free and frank expression of opinions" by officials of the department to its Minister and would thereby undermine the effective conduct of public affairs.
- (d) Circumstances are envisaged under which departmental officials may be placed under some pressure during the course of the public debate to modify their opinions as to the labour market outlook and estimates of unregistered unemployment.

4. The question of whether there are other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available has also been considered. No such considerations have become identifiable.

5. The advice on which this direction is based has been received from the Secretary of Labour in the form of a summary of the department's position in relation to its labour market forecasts and their use. The purport of this advice is as set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

DAVID THOMSON, for Minister of Labour.

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The Traffic (Bay of Islands County) Notice No. 1, 1983

PURSUANT to the Transport Act 1962, and pursuant to a delegation from the Minister of Transport, and pursuant to a subdelegation from the Secretary for Transport, I, Carne Maurice Clissold, Chief Traffic Engineer, hereby give the following notice:

NOTICE

THIS notice may be cited as the Traffic (Bay of Islands County) Notice No. 1, 1983.

The roads specified in the First Schedule hereto are hereby declared to be closely populated localities for the purposes of section 52 of the Transport Act 1962.

The roads specified in the Second Schedule hereto are hereby declared to be 70 kilometres an hour speed limit areas pursuant to regulation 21 (2) of the Traffic Regulations 1976*.

The Traffic (Bay of Islands County) Notice No. 2, 1982, dated the 13th day of October 1982†, issued pursuant to section 52 of the Transport Act 1962, and regulation 21 (2) of the Traffic Regulations 1976 is hereby revoked.

FIRST SCHEDULE

SITUATED within Bay of Islands County at Kerikeri:

Augusta Place.
Butler Road.
Clark Road.

Cobham Road: from Kerikeri Road to Hone Heke Road.
Cobham Court.
Fairway Drive.
Golf View Road.
Hawkins Crescent.
Hobson Avenue.
Homestead Road.

Hone Heke Road: from Cobham Road to a point 640 metres measured north-easterly, generally, along Hone Heke Road from Cobham Road.

Kerikeri Road: from a point 100 metres measured south-westerly, generally, along the said road from Hobson Avenue to a point 480 metres measured north-easterly, generally, along Kerikeri Road from Cobham Road.

King Road.
Mill Lane.
Oripiro Road.
Reinga Road.
Riverview Road.
Samaree Place.
St. Andrews Place.
Tui Place.
Wendywood Lane.
Wentworth Terrace.

SECOND SCHEDULE

SITUATED within Bay of Islands County at Kerikeri:

Cobham Road: from Hone Heke Road to Kerikeri Inlet Road.

Hone Heke Road: from a point 640 metres measured north-easterly, generally, along the said road from Cobham Road to Kerikeri Road.

Kemp Road.
Kendall Road.

Kerikeri Road: from a point 480 metres measured north-easterly, generally, along the said road from Cobham Road to Landing Road.

Landing Road: from Kerikeri Road to a point 800 metres measured north-easterly, generally, along Landing Road from Riverview Road.

Marsden Place.
Mission Road.
Selwyn Place.
Totara Place.

Signed at Wellington this 7th day of November 1983.

C. M. CLISSOLD, Chief Traffic Engineer.

*S.R. 1976/227

Amendment No. 1, S.R. 1978/72
Amendment No. 2, S.R. 1978/301
Amendment No. 3, S.R. 1979/128
Amendment No. 4, S.R. 1980/31
Amendment No. 5, S.R. 1980/115
Amendment No. 6, S.R. 1981/158
Amendment No. 7, S.R. 1981/311
Amendment No. 8, S.R. 1982/93

†*New Zealand Gazette*, No. 123, dated 21 October 1982, p. 3477
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The Traffic (Opotiki County) Notice No. 1, 1983

PURSUANT to the Transport Act 1962, and pursuant to a delegation from the Minister of Transport, and pursuant to a subdelegation from the Secretary for Transport, I, Carne Maurice Clissold, Chief Traffic Engineer, hereby give the following notice:

NOTICE

THIS notice may be cited as the Traffic (Opotiki County) Notice No. 1, 1983.

The road specified in the Schedule hereto is hereby declared to be a closely populated locality for the purposes of section 52 of the Transport Act 1962.

SCHEDULE

SITUATED within Opotiki County at Waihou Bay:

Waihou Bay Road: from a point 400 metres measured northerly, generally, along the said road from the No. 33 State Highway (Opotiki-Gisborne via Te Araroa) to the Northern end of Waihou Bay Road.

Signed at Wellington this 7th day of November 1983.