

Royal Titles Act 1953

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An Act to assent to an alteration of the royal style and titles.

Preamble.

Whereas it is expedient that the style and titles at present appertaining to the Crown should be altered so as to reflect more clearly the existing relations of the members of the Commonwealth to one another and their recognition of the Crown as the symbol of their free association and of the Sovereign as the Head of the Commonwealth: And whereas it was agreed between representatives of Her Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, Pakistan, and Ceylon assembled in London in the month of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, that there is need for an alteration thereof which, while permitting of the use, in relation to each of those countries, of a form suited to its particular circumstances, would retain a substantial element common to all:

Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Short Title.

This Act may be cited as the Royal Titles Act 1953.

2 Assent of Parliament to alteration of royal style and titles.

The assent of the Parliament of New Zealand is hereby given to the adoption by Her Majesty, for use in relation to New Zealand and all other territories for whose foreign relations Her Government in New Zealand is responsible, of the style and titles—

Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom,
New Zealand and Her Other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the
Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith—

instead of the style and titles at present appertaining to the Crown, and to the issue by Her for that purpose of Her Royal Proclamation.

3 Repeal.

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The Royal Titles Act 1947 is hereby consequentially repealed.