

# Royal Powers Act 1983

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**An Act to re-enact the provisions of the Royal Powers Act 1953, and to authorise a Regent to perform the royal functions of the Sovereign in right of New Zealand**

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

### **1 Short Title and commencement**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Royal Powers Act 1983.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on the day on which this Act receives the Governor-General's assent.

### **2 Act to bind the Crown**

This Act shall bind the Crown.

### **3 Exercise of royal powers by Her Majesty the Queen or the Governor-General**

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

Compare: 1953, No. 19, s. 2

### **4 Regent to act**

- (1) Where, under the law for the time being in force in the United Kingdom, the royal functions are being performed in the name and on behalf of the Sovereign by a Regent, the royal functions of the Sovereign in right of New Zealand shall be performed in the name and on behalf of the Sovereign by that Regent.
- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section limits, in relation to any royal function of the Sovereign in right of New Zealand, the power of the Governor-General to exercise that royal function on behalf of the Sovereign.

### **5 Regency Acts**

The following Imperial Acts, namely,—

- (a) The Regency Act 1937 (1 Edw. 8 and 1 Geo. 6 c. 16); and
  - (b) The Regency Act 1943 (6 and 7 Geo. 6 c. 42); and
  - (c) The Regency Act 1953 (2 and 3 Eliz. 2 c. 1)—
- are hereby declared not to be in force in New Zealand.

### **6 Repeal**

The Royal Powers Act 1953 is hereby consequentially repealed.

### **7 Application of Act to Tokelau**

- (1) This Act shall be in force in Tokelau.
- (2) The reference to New Zealand in section 5 of this Act includes Tokelau.

This Act is administered in the Prime Minister's Department.