

# Local Government Official Information and Meetings Amendment Act 1989

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## An Act to amend the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

**BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of New Zealand as follows:**

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

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Amendment Act 1989, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).
- (2) This Act shall come into force on the 1st day of November 1989.

### **2 Meetings of local authorities to be publicly notified**

Section 46 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection (2), the following subsections:

“(2a) Where any special meeting of a local authority is called and notice of that meeting cannot be given in the manner required or permitted by this section,

the local authority shall cause that meeting and the general nature of business to be transacted at that meeting to be publicly notified or otherwise advertised not less than 2 working days before the day on which the meeting is to be held.

“(2b) Where any emergency meeting of a local authority is called and notice of that meeting cannot be given in the manner required or permitted by this section for a scheduled or special meeting, the local authority or person calling the meeting shall cause to be given such public notice of the meeting and the business to be transacted at the meeting as is reasonable in the circumstances.”

### **3 Right of local authorities to exclude public**

Section 48 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding, after subsection (4), the following subsection:

“(5) Every resolution or motion to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution or motion (or copies thereof)—

“(a) Shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and

“(b) Shall form part of the minutes of the local authority.”

### **4 Public notification of resolution at emergency meeting**

The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 51, the following section:

#### **“51a**

Where any resolution is passed at an emergency meeting of a local authority, the local authority shall cause the resolution to be publicly notified as soon as practicable, unless the resolution was passed at a meeting or part of a meeting from which the public was excluded.”

This Act is administered in the Department of Internal Affairs.