

# **New Zealand Council of Law Reporting Amendment Act 2006**

Public Act 2006 No 17  
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### **The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:**

- 1 Title**  
This Act is the New Zealand Council of Law Reporting Amendment Act 2006.
- 2 Commencement**  
This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.
- 3 Principal Act amended**  
This Act amends the New Zealand Council of Law Reporting Act 1938.

#### 4 Functions of the Council

Section 12 is amended by repealing subsection (3) and substituting the following subsections:

- “(3) No person, firm, or company other than the Council may, without the consent of the New Zealand Law Society, commence the publication of, or publish, a new series of reports of decisions of the High Court or Court of Appeal or of the Land Valuation Tribunal (either separately or in conjunction with reports of other judicial decisions).
- “(4) After the commencement of the New Zealand Council of Law Reporting Amendment Act 2006, no person, firm, or company other than the Council may, without the consent of the New Zealand Law Society,—
- “(a) commence the publication of, or publish, a new series of reports of decisions of the Supreme Court (either separately or in conjunction with reports of other judicial decisions); or
  - “(b) continue the publication of a series of reports of decisions of the Supreme Court (either separately or in conjunction with reports of other judicial decisions) whose publication commenced before the commencement of that Act.
- “(5) The New Zealand Law Society may give its consent under subsection (3) or subsection (4) if—
- “(a) the Council has failed to publish, or has failed to arrange for there to be published, within a reasonable time and at a reasonable cost to purchasers, adequate reports of the decisions of the High Court or Court of Appeal or Supreme Court or of the Land Valuation Tribunal; or
  - “(b) the New Zealand Law Society, in consultation with the Council, determines that it is appropriate to grant consent for—
    - “(i) a particular decision to be published in a particular publication; or
    - “(ii) a series of decisions that relate to a particular area of law to be published in specialist law reports.
- “(6) Despite subsection (4), the Chief Justice may, after consultation with the New Zealand Law Society, authorise any per-

son, firm, or company other than the Council to publish reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court.”

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**Legislative history**

9 May 2005	Introduction (Bill 261-1)
17 May 2005	First reading and referral to Government Administration Committee
29 July 2005	Reported from Government Administration Committee
14 March 2006	Second reading
4 April 2006	Committee of the whole House
5 April 2006	Third reading

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