



## ANALYSIS

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1976, No. 86

**An Act to amend the Designs Act 1953**

[10 December 1976]

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**—This Act may be cited as the Designs Amendment Act 1976, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Designs Act 1953 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

**2. Opening and closing of Patent Office**—(1) Section 45 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection (1), and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) The Commissioner, from time to time by notice in the *Journal*, may fix the hours during which the Patent Office shall be open for the transaction of public business under this Act, and may declare the Patent Office closed for the transaction of public business on any day.”

(2) Section 45 (2) of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “as aforesaid” in both places where they occur.

**3. Closing of Patent Office at short notice**—The principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after section 45, the following section:

“45A. (1) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of section 45 of this Act, where, because of an emergency or other temporary circumstances, the Commissioner is satisfied that it is or will be necessary or desirable to close the Patent Office on any day and it is not practicable to give notice of the closure in the *Journal* as required by that subsection, the Commissioner may, without giving that notice, declare the Patent Office closed for the transaction of public business on that day in accordance with the provisions of this section.

“(2) In every case where the Commissioner proposes to declare or has declared the Patent Office closed under subsection (1) of this section he shall, if practicable, display a public notice of that fact in or on the building in which the Patent Office is situated.

“(3) As soon as practicable thereafter the Commissioner shall also cause a copy of the public notice, or (if no such notice was displayed) a notice of the exercise of his powers under this section, to be published in the *Journal*.”

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This Act is administered in the Department of Justice.

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