



ANALYSIS

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1986, No. 2

An Act to amend the Electricity Act 1968

[25 March 1986]

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 Electricity Amendment Act 1986, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Electricity Act 1968 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Payment for work carried out to avoid damage to any electrical supply system—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 17, the following section:

“17A. Any person who is required to carry out work or arrange for the carrying out of work in order to comply with any electrical code of practice or regulations made under this Act to prevent damage to any electrical supply system erected, constructed, or used under the authority of this Act shall meet the cost of carrying out such work, or, where the Minister or an Electrical Supply Authority has carried out the work, shall pay to the Minister or the Electrical Supply Authority reasonable direct costs for the carrying out of such work.”

3. Removal of trees causing damage to electric line—(1) Section 19 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply in any case to the extent that any electrical code of practice or any regulations in force under this Act apply in that case.”

(2) Section 19 (2) of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

4. Compensation for trees and vegetation removed—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 19A (as inserted by section 7 (1) of the Electricity Amendment Act 1976), the following section:

“19B. Where any tree or part of a tree or any vegetation or part of any vegetation is removed pursuant to—

“(a) Section 19 of this Act; or

“(b) Section 19 of this Act as applied by section 19A of this Act; or

“(c) Any electrical code of practice issued under this Act; or

“(d) Any regulations made under this Act,—

compensation, to be assessed in the manner prescribed by the Public Works Act 1981, shall be payable if the tree or vegetation was growing on the land before the erection of the electric line or, where section 19A of this Act applies, the aerial ropeway, but not in any other case.”

5. Electrical code of practice defined—(1) Section 24A of the principal Act (as inserted by section 6 of the Electricity Amendment Act 1983) is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

“(e) The setting or endorsing of standards, controls, or requirements for any tree or vegetation to prevent the interruption of the supply of electricity or interference with the electrical supply system.”

(2) Section 24A of the principal Act is hereby further amended by omitting the words “this Part of”.

6. Regulations—Section 55 (1) (kh) of the principal Act (as inserted by section 8 (1) of the Electricity Amendment Act 1983) is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “authorities”, the words “(including arbitrators)”.