



ANALYSIS

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1993, No. 142

An Act to amend the Energy Companies Act 1992

[28 September 1993]

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

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Energy Companies Amendment Act 1993, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Energy Companies Act 1992 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Preparation of accounts—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in Part V, after section 69, the following section:

“69A. (1) Where—

“(a) Under section 47 (1) of this Act, the date appointed for the vesting in an energy company of the undertaking of a Board or Boards occurs after the end of the 1993 financial year of the Board or Boards; or

“(b) Under section 56 of this Act, the date of transfer to an energy company of the energy undertaking of a local authority or local authorities occurs after the end of the 1993 financial year of the local authority or local authorities—

the energy company in which such undertaking or undertakings has vested, or to which such undertaking or undertakings has been transferred, as the case may be, shall, not later than 6 months after the date of vesting or transfer,

prepare financial statements for the Board or Boards or the energy undertaking of the local authority or local authorities, as the case may be, for the period from the end of the last financial year of the Board or local authority to the date of vesting or transfer, as the case may be, and shall have such financial statements audited.

“(2) The Audit Office shall be the auditor of the financial statements prepared under the authority of subsection (1) of this section; and for that purpose shall have and may exercise all of the functions, duties, and powers that it has under the Public Finance Act 1977 in respect of public money.”

3. WEL Energy Group Limited declared to be administering body—Section 80 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, WEL Energy Group Limited shall be a local authority for the purposes of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987—

“(a) For the purposes of Parts I to VI and VIII of that Act, only in relation to any document, official information, or personal information (within the meaning of that Act) which relates to its activities, powers, and responsibilities as an administering body within the meaning of section 2 of the Reserves Act 1977; and

“(b) For the purposes of Part VII of that Act, only in relation to any portion of any meeting (within the meaning of that Act) at which consideration is given to any resolution or decision on any matter which relates to its activities, powers, and responsibilities as an administering body within the meaning of section 2 of the Reserves Act 1977.”

4. Supply of computer compiled lists and computer tapes containing electoral information to Electric Power Boards and energy companies—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 86, the following section:

“86A. (1) Where any officer, member, or employee of an Electric Power Board (within the meaning of the Electric Power Boards Act 1925), or of an energy company (within the meaning of this Act), or of any trust that has a substantial share holding in such a company, wishes to obtain a computer compiled list or computer tape, disk, or diskette containing any

of the information specified in subsection (2) of this section, for the purposes of—

“(a) Any election or poll to be conducted by or on behalf of that Board or company or trust; or

“(b) Any distribution of shares—

the Chief Registrar of Electors may give that member, officer, or employee, a computer compiled list or computer tape, disk, or diskette containing that information.

“(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) of this section, the following information may be recorded on a computer compiled list or computer tape, disk, or diskette for any electoral district:

“(a) The name of each elector, including first names and surname:

“(b) The residential address of each elector, and postal address (if different):

“(c) The occupation (if any) of each elector:

“(d) Statistical meshblock details of each elector.

“(3) The provisions of sections 64^{BB} and 64^{BC} of the Electoral Act 1956 and any regulations made under the Electoral Act 1956 prescribing requirements in respect of computer tapes, disks, or diskettes, or prescribing fees, shall apply, with any necessary modifications, as if—

“(a) The information sought or supplied under this section had been sought or supplied pursuant to section 64^A (8^A) of the Electoral Act 1956; and

“(b) The persons to whom information may be supplied under this section were persons to whom section 64^A (8^A) of the Electoral Act 1956 applied; and

“(c) The purposes described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1) of this section were purposes for which the supply of information was authorised under section 64^A (8^A) of the Electoral Act 1956.

“(4) In this section, expressions defined in the Electoral Act 1956 have the meanings so defined.”