

## CORONERS AMENDMENT BILL

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

THE purpose of this Bill is to enable inquests to be held where persons are known to have died but the bodies of all such persons have not been recovered or identified. There is, at present, provision for the holding of an inquest where a body has been destroyed or cannot be recovered, but in the Tangiwai disaster certain bodies were recovered but not identified and others were never recovered. It was therefore impossible to say that the body of any individual had been destroyed or was irrecoverable. The proposed amendment will enable inquests to be held in circumstances similar to those previously referred to in this note.

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*Hon. Mr Webb*

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### ANALYSIS

Title.

1. Short Title.
2. Inquests where bodies not able to be recovered or identified.

### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Coroners Act 1951. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Coroners Amendment Act 1954, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Coroners Act 1951 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act). Short Title.  
1951, No. 73
2. Section eight of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "because the body has been destroyed or cannot be recovered", and substituting the words "because of the provisions of section fifteen of this Act". Inquests where bodies not able to be recovered or identified.

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