# LAND VALUATION PROCEEDINGS AMENDMENT BILL

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill amends the Land Valuation Proceedings Act 1948.

Clause 1 relates to the Short Title.

Clause 2: Section 13 of the principal Act provides that in proceedings under that Act the presence of a Judge of the Administrative Division of the Supreme Court and of at least one of the additional members of that Division shall be necessary to constitute a sitting of the Court.

This clause enables a Judge alone to deal with certain matters. These are—

(a) Interlocutory matters arising in the course of any proceedings.

(b) Orders that are not opposed.

- (c) Proceedings which the parties agree should be dealt with by a Judge alone.
- (d) Proceedings where the matter in issue is substantially a question of law only.
- (e) Applications for an order directing hearing before a Judge alone on the ground that the matter in issue is substantially a question of law only.
- (f) Applications for leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal.

## Hon. Mr Riddiford

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#### ANALYSIS

Title

Short Title
Quorum and decisions of Court

#### A BILL INTITULED

## An Act to amend the Land Valuation Proceedings Act 1948

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, 5 as follows:

- 1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Land Valuation Proceedings Amendment Act 1970, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Land Valuation Proceedings Act 1948\* (hereinafter referred to as the 10 principal Act).
  - 2. Quorum and decisions of Court—Section 13 of the principal Act (as substituted by section 7 of the Land Valuation Proceedings Amendment Act 1968) is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:
- 15 "(4) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this section, a Judge of the Administrative Division sitting alone shall have jurisdiction to make any of the following orders:
- "(a) An order on any application made in the course of any proceedings:

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"(b) An order which is not opposed:

"(c) An order in any proceedings which the parties agree should be heard and determined by a Judge alone:

"(d) An order in any proceedings where the matter in issue is substantially a question of law only:

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"(e) An order made on the application of any party directing that any proceedings should be heard and determined by a Judge alone on the ground that the matter in issue is substantially a question of law only:

"(f) An order granting the leave of the Court to appeal to

the Court of Appeal."