

## PETROLEUM AMENDMENT BILL

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*Clause 2:* The effect of the amendments proposed by this clause is to place the holders of petroleum prospecting licences in respect of areas on the continental shelf in the same position as holders of similar licences over land.

Where a licensee holds a continental shelf prospecting licence and another type of prospecting licence, the Minister is empowered to suspend obligations under either licence if prospecting operations are being carried on under one of them.

*Clause 3:* This clause extends the existing provisions relating to the giving of notices. It provides for cases where a person on whom a notice is required to be served is not known or is absent from New Zealand. It also provides for notice in cases where land is owned or occupied by two or more Maoris.

*Hon. Mr Shand*

## PETROLEUM AMENDMENT

### ANALYSIS

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Title	2. Conditions of prospecting licences
1. Short Title	3. Services of notices

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### A BILL INTITULED

#### An Act to amend the Petroleum Act 1937

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 Petroleum Amendment Act 1967 and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Petroleum Act 1937\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

10 **2. Conditions of prospecting licences**—Section 5 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection (2A) (as inserted by subsection (2) of section 2 of the Petroleum Amendment Act 1965) the following proviso:

“Provided that in any such case—

15 “(a) Any condition included in the licence may, in the discretion of the Minister, from time to time be suspended, amended, or modified; and

\*1957 Reprint, Vol. 11, p. 693  
Amendments: 1962, No. 127; 1964, No. 14

- “(b) Where the Minister is satisfied that the licensee under any such licence is carrying on prospecting operations with reasonable diligence under some other prospecting licence held by that licensee, the Minister may, in his discretion and upon and subject to such conditions as he thinks fit, from time to time suspend for any period not exceeding six months the obligations imposed by the first mentioned licence; and 5
- “(c) Where the Minister is satisfied that the licensee is carrying on prospecting operations with reasonable diligence under any such licence, the Minister may, in his discretion and upon and subject to such conditions as he thinks fit, from time to time suspend for any period not exceeding six months the obligations imposed by any other prospecting licence held by the licensee.” 10 15

**3. Services of notices—**(1) Section 36 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsections:

“(3) If any such person is absent from New Zealand the notice may be sent to his agent. 20

“(4) If any such person is not known or, being absent from New Zealand, has no known agent in New Zealand, the notice shall be published in a newspaper circulating in the district in which the matter of the notice arose. 25

“(5) Where any land is owned or occupied by two or more Maoris, notice to any number of owners or occupiers less than the number of all such owners or occupiers shall, for the purposes of this section, be deemed to be notice to all the owners or occupiers.” 30

(2) Section 70 of the principal Act (as added by section 3 of the Petroleum Amendment Act 1962) is hereby amended by adding to subsection (5) the following proviso:

“Provided that where any such land is owned or occupied by two or more Maoris, two copies of the certificate shall be lodged with the Registrar for the Maori Land Court district in which the land is situated.” 35