



SUPPLEMENT
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*Appointing a Commission to Inquire Into Alleged Nuisances
in Auckland Metropolitan Drainage District*

BERNARD FERGUSSON, Governor-General
ORDER IN COUNCIL

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, AND TO:

Frank Felix Reid, Esquire, C.B.E., of Christchurch, Retired
Stipendiary Magistrate;
Walter Edwin Bate, Esquire, O.B.E., of Hastings, Barrister
and Solicitor; and
Francis Malcolm Corkill, Esquire, of Invercargill,
Engineer:

GREETING:

WHEREAS it has been alleged that arising out of the exercise by the Auckland Metropolitan Drainage Board of certain powers conferred on it by the Auckland Metropolitan Drainage Act 1960 in relation to the treatment of and dealing with sewage, refuse, and other matter, nuisances have been created due to the escape of swarms of midges and of offensive smells, and questions have arisen as to the creation, existence, and abatement of the nuisances so alleged, and it is desirable that inquiry should be made into the cause or causes of the nuisances so alleged and into possible methods of abatement and into the question whether any, and, if so what, legislation is necessary or expedient in order to direct, authorise, or obtain such abatement:

Now therefore, pursuant to the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908, I, Brigadier Sir Bernard Fergusson, the Governor-General of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby appoint you, the said Frank Felix Reid, Walter Edwin Bate, and Francis Malcolm Corkill, to be a Commission to inquire into and report upon the following matters:

- (1) The cause of the said swarms of midges and the said offensive smells.
- (2) Whether there is any practicable method of extinguishing or reducing the said swarms of midges and the said offensive smells.
- (3) The necessity or desirability of legislation being enacted, whether by way of amendment to the Auckland Metropolitan Drainage Act 1960 or otherwise, to give effect to any recommendation that may be made by you.
- (4) And, generally, upon any other matters arising out of the premises which may come to your notice in the course of your inquiries and which you may consider should be investigated in connection therewith, and upon any matters affecting the premises which you consider should be brought to the attention of the Government.

And, with the like advice and consent, I do hereby appoint you, the said Frank Felix Reid, to be Chairman of the said Commission:

And for the better enabling you to carry these presents into effect you are hereby authorised and empowered to make and conduct any inquiry under these presents at such times and places as you deem expedient, with power to adjourn from time to time and place to place as you think fit, and so that these presents shall continue in force and the inquiry may at any time and place be resumed although not regularly adjourned from time to time or from place to place:

And you are hereby strictly charged and directed that you shall not at any time publish or otherwise disclose, save to me in pursuance of these presents or by my direction, the contents or purport of any report so made or to be made by you or any evidence or information obtained by you in the exercise of the powers hereby conferred upon you except such evidence or information as is received in the course of a sitting open to the public:

And it is hereby declared that the powers hereby conferred shall be exercisable notwithstanding the absence at any time of any one of the members hereby appointed so long as the Chairman or a member deputed by the Chairman to act in his stead and one other member be present and concur in the exercise of such powers:

And it is hereby further declared that you have liberty to report your proceedings and findings under this Commission from time to time if you judge it expedient so to do:

And, using all due diligence, you are required to report to me in writing under your hands not later than the 30th day of May 1964 your findings and opinions on the matters aforesaid, together with such recommendations as you think fit to make in respect thereof.

Given in Executive Council under the hand of His Excellency the Governor-General this 20th day of December 1963.

T. J. SHERRARD, Clerk of the Executive Council.

*Members of the House of Representatives Elected—General
Election*

PURSUANT to the Electoral Act 1956, I have received returns to the Writs issued on 30 October 1963 for the election of members of Parliament to serve in the House of Representatives for the electoral districts hereinafter specified, and by the endorsement on those writs it appears that the under-mentioned persons have been duly elected members for the said districts, viz:

Ashburton: Richard Geoffrey Gerard.
Auckland Central: Norman Vazey Douglas.
Avon: John Mathison.
Awarua: Gordon Glendinning Grieve.
Bay of Plenty: Percy Benjamin Allen.
Buller: Wallace Edward Rowling.
Christchurch Central: Robert Mafeking Macfarlane.