

## DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

IN submissions made on behalf of Alister Taylor Publishing Ltd., Mr Taylor described this book as a massage instruction manual, likely to sell at about \$4.25; well-designed, containing photographs which illustrate the steps in the techniques explained. Mr Taylor claimed that "photographs of fully nude persons appear only when absolutely necessary"; in fact this has been absolutely necessary everywhere except in the brief appendix. As the submission rightly went on to point out, however, nudity is not regarded by the Tribunal as indecent.

Mr Taylor further submitted that "the book has no sexual content". Apart from the circumstance that all the photographs are of young man/young woman activity (which superficially gives impression of sexual content), there is a section of the book entitled "Erotic Massage". But again, sexual content does not in the view of the Tribunal constitute indecency.

Mr Taylor made offer of expert witnesses to support the validity of the book as "teaching a skill which has a clear medical and personal benefit". The Tribunal thinks this evidence unnecessary as the point is obvious.

Mention was also made of the high reputation of the publishers (Straight Arrow Books), of the large sales of the book in America, and of the pending British edition by a "very well-established and conservative publisher". We regard these points as interesting but not strictly relevant.

This book appears to fulfill the author's intention to provide a "book of pleasure" in which the techniques of massage are described in order to teach a method of rediscovery of "touch, the oldest and truest form of communion". There is nothing objectionable in content, tone, format, or photography.

Mr Taylor made an application for costs which was considered by the Tribunal. It was decided not to make an order for costs.

The Tribunal classifies this book as not indecent.

R. S. V. SIMPSON, Chairman.

30 November 1972.

*Conscience Money Received*

THE Secretary to the Treasury hereby gives notice of the receipt during the quarter ended 7 December 1972 from unknown persons of the following amounts:

\$3, \$8 to the Customs Department.

\$12, \$10, \$20, \$36, \$35, \$16 to the Inland Revenue Department.

\$6.05 to the Department of Social Welfare.

Dated at Wellington this 8th day of December 1972.

D. M. RANGI, for Secretary to the Treasury.

*Consenting to Raising of Loans by Certain Local Authorities*

PURSUANT to section 3 of the Local Authorities Loans Act 1956 (as amended by section 3 (1) of the Local Authorities Loans Amendment Act 1967), the undersigned Assistant Secretary to the Treasury, acting under powers delegated to the Secretary to the Treasury by the Minister of Finance, hereby consents to the borrowing by the local authorities mentioned in the Schedule hereto of the whole or any part of the respective amounts specified in that Schedule.

## SCHEDULE

Local Authority and Name of Loan	Amount Consented to \$
Hikurangi Town Council: Doctor's Residence Additional Loan 1971	6,000
Invercargill City Council:	
Electricity Loan No. 2, 1972	100,000
Footpaths Loan 1972	200,000
Kairanga County Council: Rural Housing Loan 1972	40,000
Mount Roskill Borough Council:	
Melrose Flats Additional Loan 1972	25,000
Property Purchase Loan 1972	27,900
Property Purchase Loan No. 2, 1972	100,000
Oamaru Borough Council: Pensioner Housing Loan 1972	25,000
Waimate County Council: Hook/Waituna Water Race Loan 1972	85,000
Waitemata County Council: Albany Development Loan 1972	276,800

Dated at Wellington this 8th day of December 1972.

J. C. PARKER, Assistant Secretary to the Treasury.

(T. 40/416/6)

*Addition to Abel Tasman National Park Bylaws*

PURSUANT to the National Parks Act 1952, a resolution has been passed by the Abel Tasman National Park Board, resolving that a new bylaw be made as set out in the Schedule hereto, and such resolution has been approved by the National Parks Authority.

It is therefore declared that the said bylaws have been amended accordingly.

## SCHEDULE

## SPOTLIGHTING

No person, whether the holder of a permit for the use of a firearm within the park or not, shall use or attempt to use or permit to be used a spotlight or other source of artificial light as an aid to hunting.

R. J. MACLACHLAN, Chairman, and  
I. D. CAMPBELL, Secretary,  
National Parks Authority.

(H.O. N.P. 7; D.O. A.T. 44)

*The Life Insurance Act 1908—Proposed Release of Deposit*

PHOENIX Assurance Co. Ltd. has given notice to the Public Trustee that it has ceased to carry on life insurance business in New Zealand and that it proposes to withdraw the deposit which has been made by it pursuant to section 3 of the above-mentioned Act.

NOTE—The Phoenix Assurance Co. Ltd. should not be confused with the Phoenix Assurance Co. of New Zealand Ltd.

The Public Trustee therefore gives notice pursuant to section 12 (2) of the above-mentioned Act, that, being satisfied that no moneys are insured or contracted to be insured by the company in or by policies and other contracts issued, granted, or entered into in New Zealand by the company and still in force, he proposes to release to the company on or after the 15th day of January 1973 the deposit made with him by the company.

Any objections to the release of the deposit should be lodged with the Public Trustee at the Public Trust Office, Lambton Quay, Wellington 1, on or before the 15th day of January 1973.

This is an amendment to the notice of 27 November 1972 published in *Gazette*, No. 100, p. 2752.

Dated at Wellington this 7th day of December 1972.

J. M. FIELDER, Public Trustee.

*The Standards Act 1965—Standard Specifications Proposed for Revocation*

NOTICE is hereby given that the New Zealand standard specifications listed in the Schedule hereto have been reviewed by committees of the Standards Council and have been recommended for revocation, pursuant to the provisions of the Standards Act 1965.

Any person who may be affected by the proposal to revoke these standard specifications, and who wishes to object to their revocation, is invited to submit comments to the Standards Association of New Zealand, Private Bag, Wellington, not later than 19 January 1973.

## SCHEDULE

## Number and Title of Standard Specification

\*NZS 791: — Model general bylaws—

Part 18: 1954 Licensing of plumbers.

Part 19: 1954 Licensing of drainlayers.

†NZS 1477-79: 1959 (BS 1624-26: 1950) Woven cotton tapes.

\*The provisions in these model bylaws are now covered by other legislation.

†A later edition of these British standards has been proposed for endorsement as suitable for use in New Zealand.

Dated at Wellington this 11th day of December 1972.

G. H. EDWARDS, Director,  
Standards Association of New Zealand.

(S.A. 114/2/6)