

operations. You will be asked to consider a Bill to amend the Waterfront Industry Act 1953.

The Government will continue to promote co-operation and co-ordination between all transport modes with a view to making the best use of available resources. To this end the Government Committee on Transport Co-ordination is currently hearing submissions on the consultative document "A New Direction for New Zealand Transport".

It is the Government's intention to retain 50 miles per hour as the upper speed limit in the interests of safety and fuel conservation. However, the matter will be kept under review. Government will continue to examine all traffic safety measures and will ensure strict enforcement of traffic laws to combat dangerous and careless driving.

The active participation of the Maori people in improving their affairs in land, housing, social and cultural needs has and will continue to receive the Government's encouragement. The report of the Commission of Inquiry into Maori Reserved Lands will be tabled shortly. Consideration of the report of the Royal Commission into lands in the Taupo area is underway and legislation will be introduced to give effect to its recommendations.

In keeping with the Government's policy the reconstitution of the Department of Maori Affairs from 1 April will make possible the further advancement of the Maori people as well as meeting the needs of peoples from the Islands permanently resident in New Zealand.

Housing will continue to have a high priority and, with the Housing Corporation now established, the Government is better geared to meet both the short-term and long-term requirements of the country in this regard.

The Housing Corporation, Maori housing and departmental building programmes will be maintained at least at the same level as last year with the aim not only of adding to the country's stock of houses but also of providing continuity of work for the building industry.

An increased number of Housing Corporation loans will be made available with the primary object of increasing the number of houses built.

Loan limits will be kept under constant review and the Housing Corporation will prepare contingency plans for a larger Government involvement in the house building industry should the employment situation in the industry ease significantly.

A close watch will be kept on the level of mortgage investment by the private sector to ensure that there is a steady flow of money from this source into the housing industry.

To ensure a continuing supply of reasonably priced sections, the Government will place even greater emphasis on the acquisition and development of residential land.

As a further important step in clarifying the structure and functional role of local government and enabling it to meet present and future requirements, a Local Government Bill will be introduced, revising the