

Consenting to Raising of Loans by Certain Local Authorities

PURSUANT to the Local Authorities Loans Act 1956, the undersigned Deputy 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 \$
Christchurch City Council:	
Renewal Loan (No. 3) 1977	72,250
Christchurch Drainage Board:	
Renewal Loan No. 8, 1977	123,500
Renewal Loan No. 9, 1977	83,000
Clutha County Council:	
Owaka and District Memorial Community Centre Redemption Loan 1977	13,000
Dannevirke Borough Council:	
Building Loan 1976	50,000
Hutt Valley Drainage Board:	
Redemption Loan No. 33, 1977	45,000
Kapiti Borough Council:	
Coastal Protection Loan No. 2, 1977	111,334
Marton Borough Council:	
Sewerage Renewal Loan 1977	77,000
Nelson Harbour Board:	
Port Equipment Loan 1977	110,000
Otago Harbour Board:	
Development Redemption Loan No. 4, 1977	232,500
Otago Hospital Board:	
Redemption Loan No. 4, 1977	200,340
Poverty Bay Electric Power Board:	
Renewal Loan 1977	60,000
Taranaki County Council:	
Lepperton Bridge Renewal Redemption Loan 1977	4,400
Taumarunui County Council:	
Rural Housing Loan No. 1, 1977	120,000
Westland Catchment Board:	
Office Building and Garages (Westport) Loan 1977	34,000
Office Building and Garages (Westport) Supplementary Loan 1977	3,000

Dated at Wellington this 22nd day of November 1977.

S. A. MCLEOD, Deputy Secretary to the Treasury.
(T 40/416/6)

No. 889

Decision of the Indecent Publications Tribunal

IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of an application by the Comptroller of Customs for a decision in respect of the following publications: *Penthouse*, United Kingdom Edition, Volume 12, Nos. 1, 2, and 3 and Volume 11 No. 12.

BEFORE THE INDECENT PUBLICATIONS TRIBUNAL

Messrs L. M. Greig (Chairman), D. M. Wylie, and Mrs L. Edmond.

Hearing: 27 September 1977.

Appearances: Mr P. E. Leloir for Comptroller of Customs, Mr N. Miller for Gordon and Gotch New Zealand Ltd.

DECISION

At varying times the Tribunal has had before it copies of both the English and American editions of *Penthouse*. The current position in respect of the American edition is that by a decision earlier this year it is restricted to persons 18 years and over for a period of 2 years. The English edition was last considered in October 1974, when four of the issues before the Tribunal were declared to be indecent and one indecent in the hands of persons under the age of 18 (Decision No. 830). A large part of the content of the two editions is similar, but the Tribunal was able in a later decision (No. 881, 23 December 1976) on two issues of the American edition to draw a distinction between the two editions in these terms: "There has been a clearly discernible change in the sexual content of both editions but the American editions have had the redeeming feature of a substantial section of more serious articles and features". In subsequent decisions on the American edition the Tribunal has reiterated views earlier expressed that *Penthouse* remains very close to the borderline between the acceptable and the unacceptable.

The Tribunal has carefully considered the four issues of the English edition now before it, and has come to the conclusion that the earlier distinction it drew between the two editions remains valid. The balance between serious and sexual content in the American edition remains more even, and enables us, viewing it as a whole, to give it a restricted classification. This balance tilts sharply towards the sexual side in the English edition, and the Tribunal finds these four copies of *Penthouse* to be indecent.

Dated this 14th day of November 1977.

LAURENCE M. GREIG, Chairman.

(Reference No.: Ind. 8/77)

No. 887

Decision of the Indecent Publications Tribunal

IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of an application by the Comptroller of Customs for a decision in respect to the following publications: *Private*, Issue 31, Publishers: David Reed and Graham Barker; *Park Lane*, No. 2, Publisher: Roafeld Ltd.

BEFORE THE INDECENT PUBLICATIONS TRIBUNAL

Messrs L. M. Greig (Chairman), D. M. Wylie, and Mrs L. Edmond.

Hearing: 27 September 1977.

Appearances: Mr P. E. Leloir for Comptroller of Customs.

DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

These two journals have the same editor and, judging by their promotion of each other and of a third similar publication, a commercial connection as well. Both claim to be "honest products" and to deal with sex "in an extremely open way". The implication in both editorials is that the magazines exist to fight for freedom against harmful restriction in society.

However it is obvious that this is no more than camouflage for the series of long detailed and indulgent explorations of sexual encounters involving various combinations of men and women, which form the substance of both journals. The material is clearly designed to excite the prurient and there is no evidence of good taste, restraint, or integrity to redeem it from vulgarity.

The Tribunal classifies both journals as indecent.

Dated this 1st day of November 1977.

LAURENCE M. GREIG, Chairman.

(Reference No.: Ind. 5/77)

No. 888

Decision of the Indecent Publication Tribunal

IN the matter of the Indecent Publications Act 1963, and in the matter of a reference by the Magistrate's Court, Auckland, for a decision in respect to the following publication: *201 Girls*, Volume 12, No. 2.

BEFORE THE INDECENT PUBLICATIONS TRIBUNAL

Messrs L. M. Greig (Chairman), D. M. Wylie, and Mrs L. Edmond.

Hearing: 27 September 1977.

Appearances: Mr F. X. Quin for Commissioner of Police. Written submissions from Mr O. Shirley were considered.

DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL

In decision No. 874 (*New Zealand Gazette*, No. 120, November 1976, p. 2667) Issue No. 2 of Vol. 12 of *201 Girls* was classified as indecent. The Tribunal can see no difference in content, style or dominant effect between issue No. 2 and issue No. 3.

The Tribunal classifies the publication as indecent.

Dated this 2nd day of November 1977.

LAURENCE M. GREIG, Chairman.

(Reference No.: Ind. 9/77)

INDECENT PUBLICATIONS TRIBUNAL

I, Jack Alexander McLeod Kean, Comptroller of Customs, give notice that I have applied to the Indecent Publications Tribunal for a decision as to whether the books described below are indecent or not, or for a decision as to their classification.

Title: *Boy*, Vol. 2, Nos. 8 and 10.

Publisher: Owreland Ltd., London.

Title: *Kids*, No. 2.

Publisher: Overstock Book Co., New York.