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Appointments

Cabinet Office

Appointment to the Privy Council

His Excellency the Governor-General has released the following statement:

“An announcement has been made by the Office of the

British Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, London, that The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve that The Honourable Sir Thomas Eichelbaum, G.B.E., Chief Justice of New Zealand be appointed a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.”

Dated at Wellington this 17th day of April 1989.

C. J. HILL, for Clerk of the Executive Council.
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Government Notices

Broadcasting

Direction to the Broadcasting Tribunal in Relation to the Consideration of Applications for Warrants and Short-Term Broadcasting Authorisations Under the Broadcasting Act 1976

To the Broadcasting Tribunal.

Whereas by public statement dated 30 August 1988, the Government announced policies to bring about changes to the control of broadcasting in New Zealand:

And whereas the Government introduced the Broadcasting Bill 1988 in the House of Representatives on 14 December 1988:

And whereas that Bill, when enacted, will repeal the Broadcasting Act 1976 thereby abolishing broadcasting warrants and short-term broadcasting authorisations:

And whereas the Government has announced that it intends to introduce in the House of Representatives a Radiocommunications Bill providing for the creation of property rights in the use of radio spectrum, and enabling the allocation of those rights by the Crown:

And whereas the Government considers that it is desirable that there be a smooth transition from the present system to the proposed system:

Now therefore I, Jonathan Lucas Hunt, Minister of Broadcasting, acting pursuant to section 68(1) of the Broadcasting Act 1976,—

(1) Give you notice that it is part of the general policy of the Government in relation to broadcasting—

(a) That applications for warrants under the Broadcasting

Act 1976 in relation to which the Tribunal has commenced receiving evidence by the 1st day of April 1989 should be determined by the Tribunal prior to the Broadcasting Bill 1988 coming into force; and

(b) That the development of additional broadcasting services, other than those proposed in such applications, should be provided for under the policies announced on 30 August 1988, rather than under the Broadcasting Act 1976.

(2) In pursuance of that policy, direct that you shall—

(a) Continue to hear and determine—

(i) Applications for warrants under the Broadcasting Act 1976, in relation to which you have, by the 1st day of April 1989, commenced receiving evidence; and

(ii) Complaints that have been, or may be referred to you— with a view to determining all such applications and complaints as soon as is practicable consistent with your statutory responsibilities; and

(b) Hear and determine further applications that fall into the following categories:

(i) Applications for warrants for FM radio stations in substitution for existing AM radio warrants that do not involve simulcasting with the AM service and that you consider it would not be in the public interest to delay; and

(ii) Applications in relation to relay stations that are proposed for the purpose of improving the reception of existing broadcasting stations within the intended coverage areas of such stations:

(iii) Applications in relation to the extension of the coverage of the YC-FM network: