



ANALYSIS

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**An Act to extend the powers of the Rotorua City Council to
establish, operate, and manage an information centre and
public relations office** [22 September 1972]

WHEREAS the Mayor, Councillors, and Citizens of the City of Rotorua have established and operate an information centre and public relations office: And whereas it is desired to extend the scope and extent of the activities thereof:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Rotorua City Empowering (Information Centre and Public Relations Office) Act 1972.

2. Interpretation—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“City” means the City of Rotorua:

“Council” means the Rotorua City Council.

3. Council may operate an information centre and public relations office—In addition to the powers conferred on the Council by the Municipal Corporations Act 1954 and other Acts, the Council is hereby authorised and empowered, and is hereby deemed always to have been so authorised and empowered, to establish, operate, and manage in the city an information centre and public relations office to promote the advancement and development of the city, or of any area or areas whose advancement or development would or might tend to benefit the city, and to educate and instruct the public concerning the activities of the city or of any such area or areas.

4. Additional powers of Council in respect of information centre and public relations office—Without limiting the generality of section 3 of this Act, and in addition to the powers conferred on the Council by the Municipal Corporations Act 1954 and other Acts, the Council is hereby authorised and empowered, and is hereby deemed always to have been so authorised and empowered, as part of the activities of such information centre and public relations office to—

- (a) Buy and sell maps, postcards, and photographic transparencies:
- (b) Act as agent for the sale of fishing licences, for the sale of tickets for scenic tours and flights, and for the hiring out of boats, and to receive commissions for so doing:
- (c) Act as agent for motel proprietors, and for the proprietors of other accommodation houses, for the booking of motels and other accommodation, and to receive from such proprietors a fee for so doing:
- (d) Let advertising space in the information centre and public relations office authorised by section 3 of this Act and in any handbooks, abstracts, or other publications published by the Council pursuant to paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 305 of the Municipal Corporations Act 1954, and to receive payment therefor.

5. Council to keep accounts—(1) For the purposes of this section, the term “undertaking” means the information centre and public relations office.

(2) The Council shall—

- (a) Keep a separate account in respect of the undertaking, to which shall be credited all money received in connection with the undertaking and to which shall be debited all expenditure properly chargeable against the account;
- (b) Prepare a statement showing its income and expenditure in respect of the undertaking for the financial year that ended on the preceding 31st day of March, and also a balance sheet in respect of the undertaking as at the end of that financial year;
- (c) Establish a renewal or depreciation fund in respect of the undertaking as if the undertaking were a trading undertaking within the meaning of Part XI of the Municipal Corporations Act 1954, and the provisions of that Part shall, with any necessary modifications, apply accordingly.

6. Finance—The Council is hereby authorised and empowered to meet any deficit in the establishment, operation, or management of the information centre and public relations office from its general account.

7. Council may levy separate rate—(1) In addition to any powers to rate conferred on the Council by virtue of the Municipal Corporations Act 1954, the Council may make and levy on all rateable property within the city a uniform rate sufficient to produce a net return not exceeding the sum of \$7,500 in any 1 year, after providing for the cost of making, levying, and collecting the rate.

(2) The proceeds of such rate shall be applied for the purposes authorised in sections 3 and 4 hereof, and for the purposes of advertising the district as a tourist and health resort, and for providing (within the powers of the Council) all such things as may be thought necessary or desirable for the maintenance and development of the thermal areas as tourist and health resorts.

8. Repeals—(1) Section 17 of the Rotorua Borough Act 1922 is hereby repealed.

(2) Section 58 of the Statutes Amendment Act 1947 is hereby consequentially repealed.
