

The Public Access to Legislation Project

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Public Access to Legislation

- How far have we come?
- The PAL Project
- Where to from here??

Access to legislation

- Official versions of legislation are only available in hard copy
 - Pamphlet copies of Acts and regulations
 - Annual bound volumes
 - Reprints of Acts and regulations

Access to legislation

- Unofficial versions of legislation
 - Legal publishers (Brookers and LexisNexis)
 - www.knowledge-basket.co.nz
 - www.legislation.govt.nz

So what is the PAL Project?

- New Zealand Legislation Website
 - Free public access to up-to-date legislation
- Drafting and publishing system
 - A single source, one stop shop

The PAL Project

- The key players for the project are:
 - Parliamentary Counsel Office
 - Office of the Clerk
 - Tax Drafting Unit (Inland Revenue Dept)
 - Unisys
 - Brookers



Key outcomes of PAL

- Electronic access to legislation via internet
 - Bills, Acts, regulations, SOPs
 - Up-to-date versions of Acts & regulations
- Download & print official versions
- Order printed copies online

What will be on the PAL website?

- Acts
- Statutory Regulations
- Bills
- Supplementary Order Papers (SOPs)

www.legislation.govt.nz

- Acts
 - Public, Local and Private Acts
 - Imperial Acts in force
 - Provincial Acts and Ordinances in force

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- Statutory Regulations

- In force regulations published in the SR series
- Imperial subordinate legislation in force

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- Bills
 - Government Bills
 - Members Bills
 - Local Bills
 - Private Bills

- SOPs

What won't be on the PAL website?

- Deemed regulations
- International treaties
- *NZ Gazette*
- Hansard

When will it all happen?

- When will PAL be launched?
- Why has it taken so long?
- RSS Feeds

But wait, there's more.....

- Official status of electronic versions
- Deemed regulations
- What else??
- A sneak peek at PAL

Official status of NZ Legislation



NZ Legislation

- What's Official?
- What's not Official?

Officialisation

- What does it mean?
- Why is it necessary?
- How long will it take?

“Semi-Official”

- What is “semi-official”?
- How will I know?

Deemed Regulations

Deemed Regulations

The Problem:

RRC report raised concerns over limited public accessibility to deemed regulations

- No central record of deemed regulations
- No complete list available on the internet
- No central point for purchase or inspection
- Inconsistent naming practices

Examples of inconsistent practices in the titles of deemed regulations

Principal Act	Statutory Regulations	Deemed Regulations
Food Act 1981	Food (Fees and Charges) Regulations 1987	New Zealand (Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code) Food Standards 2002
Civil Aviation Act 1990	Civil Aviation (Offences) Regulations 1997	Part 1 Definition and Abbreviations
Financial Reporting Act 1993	Financial Reporting Order 1994	FRS-1 : Disclosure of Accounting Principles

So what is PCO doing?

- Added a list of deemed regulations to our website to provide easier access
- Proposing consistent naming practices for deemed regulations
- Proposing to include deemed regulations in the *Tables of Acts and Ordinances*

Examples of how the previous table will look under our proposal

Principle Act	Statutory Regulations	Deemed Regulations
Food Act 1981	Food (Fees and Charges) Regulations 1987	Food (Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code) New Zealand Standards 2002
Civil Aviation Act 1990	Civil Aviation (Offences) Regulations 1997	Civil Aviation (Part 1 : Definition and Abbreviations) Rules
Financial Reporting Act 1993	Financial Reporting Order 1994	Financial Reporting (FRS-1 : Disclosure of Accounting) Principles

What future changes are possible?

- Online list of deemed regulations updated
- Online version of the *Tables* amended to reflect changes
- Printed copy of the *Tables* to include deemed regulations

PCO / Law Commission Joint Project



Subject index to legislation

- Law Commission / PCO joint project to make statute law more accessible
- *Presentation of New Zealand Statute Law*
 - (Law Commission Issues Paper, Sept 2007)

Advantages of a subject index

- Limitations of searching eg divorce or dissolution of marriage?
- Local grouping of subject matter regardless of title
- Multiple entry points for different users, especially non-lawyers

SUBJECT MATTER INDEX

Animal welfare

See **Animals**

Animals

See also **Domestic animals**

Livestock

Native animals

Pest animals

Stray animals

Wildlife

Other headings beginning with Animals

The names of certain animals, e.g. Dogs

Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986

Summary Offences Act 1966

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 1997

Animals - Breeding

Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994

Livestock Disease Control Act 1994

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986

Livestock Disease Control Regulations 1995

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 1997

Animals - Conservation

See also **Endangered species**

Fauna

Wildlife

Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988

Wildlife Act 1975

Animals - Destruction and disposal

Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994

Impounding of Livestock Act 1994

Livestock Disease Control Act 1994

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 1997

Animals - Experiments

See **Animals - Scientific procedures**

Animals - Hormone supplements

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use)

(Infringement Notices) Regulations 2004

Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use)

Regulations 1986

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Animals - Identification

Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994

Livestock Disease Control Act 1994

Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Regulations 2005

Livestock Disease Control Regulations 1995

Primary Industries Acts (Further Amendment) Act 2005

Animals - Importation

Livestock Disease Control Act 1994

Livestock Disease Control Regulations 1995

Animals - Impounding

See also **Stray animals**

Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994

Impounding of Livestock Act 1994

National Parks Act 1975

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986

Animals - Parks and reserves

Alpine Resorts (Management) Regulations 1998

By-law No. 1: Water Supply Protection

Conservation, Forests and Lands (Infringement Notice) Regulations 2002

Forests (Murrindindi Scenic Reserve) Regulations 1999

Forests (Steavenson Falls Scenic Reserve) Regulations 1999

National Parks (Park) Regulations 2003

Royal Botanic Gardens Regulations 2004

Water Industry (Reservoir Parks Land) Regulations 2001

Wildlife (State Game Reserve) Regulations 2004

Zoological Parks and Gardens Regulations 2003

Animals - Roads and transport

Impounding of Livestock Act 1994

Road Safety Act 1986

Summary Offences Act 1966

Wrongs Act 1958

Road Safety (Road Rules) Regulations 1999

Transport (Passenger Vehicles) Regulations 2005

Transport (Taxi-Cabs) Regulations 2005

Transport (Ticketing and Conduct) Regulations 2005

Animals - Scientific procedures

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulations 1997

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- PAL website
 - www.legislation.govt.nz
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