



PARLIAMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS

OMBUDSMAN AMENDMENT BILL 2022

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the Ombudsman Act 1984 to remove compulsory resignation of the Ombudsman at the age of 72.

- Clause 1** sets out the Title of the Bill.
- Clause 2** provides that the Bill will come into force on the day after the date on which it is assented to by the Queen's Representative.
- Clause 3** specifies that the Ombudsman Act 1984 is the principal Act amended.
- Clause 4** amends section 5(3) by removing reference to "and shall so resign his office on attaining the age of 72 years". The effect of the repeal is that the Ombudsman will no longer be required to resign at 72. The rest of the provision relating to how the Ombudsman may resign will continue to apply.

Hon. Vaine (Mac) Mokoroa

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An Act to amend the Ombudsman Act 1984 to remove compulsory retirement for the Ombudsman at the age of 72.

The Parliament of the Cook Islands enacts as follows—

- Title**
This Act is the Ombudsman Amendment Act 2022.
- Commencement**
This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it is assented to by the Queen’s Representative.
- Principal Act amended**
This Act amends the Ombudsman Act 1984.
- Section 5 amended (Term of office of Ombudsman)**
In section 5(3) omit “, and shall so resign his office on attaining the age of 72 years”.

This Act is administered by the Office of the Ombudsman
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