Version
as at 1 May 2023

Ombudsmen Rules 1989

(SR 1989/64)

Pursuant to section 15 of the Ombudsmen Act 1975, the House of Representatives, on 9 March 1989, made the following rules for the guidance of the Ombudsmen in the exercise of their functions.

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Rules

1 Title and commencement

(1) These rules may be cited as the Ombudsmen Rules 1989.

(2) These rules shall come into force on the 28th day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2 Power to publish reports

(1) An Ombudsman may from time to time in the public interest, or in the interests of any person or department or organisation, publish—

(a) reports relating generally to the exercise of an Ombudsman's functions under—

(i) the Ombudsmen Act 1975; or

(ii) the Official Information Act 1982; or

Note

The Parliamentary Counsel Office has made editorial and format changes to this version using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019.

Note 4 at the end of this version provides a list of the amendments included in it.

These rules are administered by the Ministry of Justice.

(iii) the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987; or

(iv) the Oversight of Oranga Tamariki System Act 2022; or

(b) reports relating to any particular case or cases investigated by an Ombudsman.

(2) A report may be published pursuant to subclause (1) whether or not the matters to be dealt with in the report have been the subject of a report to the House of Representatives under the Ombudsmen Act 1975.

Rule 2(1)(a)(iv): inserted, on 1 May 2023, by section 82 of the Oversight of Oranga Tamariki System Act 2022 (2022 No 43).

3 Revocation

The Ombudsman's Rules 1962 (SR 1962/208) are hereby revoked.

D G McGee,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the rules, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These rules, which replace the Ombudsman's Rules 1962, are consequential on amendments made to the Ombudsmen Act 1975 by the Official Information Act 1982 and the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

These rules are new to the extent that they confer on an Ombudsman express power to publish reports relating generally to an Ombudsman's functions under the Official Information Act 1982 or the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

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Notes

1 General

This is a consolidation of the Ombudsmen Rules 1989 that incorporates the amendments made to the legislation so that it shows the law as at its stated date.

2 Legal status

A consolidation is taken to correctly state, as at its stated date, the law enacted or made by the legislation consolidated and by the amendments. This presumption applies unless the contrary is shown.

Section 78 of the Legislation Act 2019 provides that this consolidation, published as an electronic version, is an official version. A printed version of legislation that is produced directly from this official electronic version is also an official version.

3 Editorial and format changes

The Parliamentary Counsel Office makes editorial and format changes to consolidations using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019. See also PCO editorial conventions for consolidations.

4 Amendments incorporated in this consolidation

Oversight of Oranga Tamariki System Act 2022 (2022 No 43): section 82

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