

Notes for readers

Quotations and macrons

This volume includes numerous direct quotations from our consultation process. Many quotations are sentence fragments. Minor changes have been made to direct quotations for the sake of readability and consistency. Thus:

- *realize, eg, 1990's, GMO's* have been changed to *realise, eg, 1990s, GMOs* respectively, in line with the Report style
- abbreviation of *NZ* in quoted material has been replaced by *New Zealand* and *biotech* by *biotechnology*, but other abbreviations (such as *GE, GMO, IP*) have been retained
- punctuation has sometimes been altered so that an initial capital is replaced by a lower-case letter when the direct quotation functions as a sentence fragment in the text, rather than a complete sentence
- ellipses (...), normally indicating the omission of words or sentences within the quotation, are used at the opening or closing of the quotation only if it is relevant to signal a continuing argument or theme.

No changes to quotations affect the meaning intended by the submitter.

The format for quotations depends on their extent or context in the Report structure. Two formats have been used:

- Short quotations, including sentence fragments, are incorporated in normal paragraphs and are indicated by quotation marks.
- Longer quotations, usually passages of several sentences or paragraphs, are presented as an indented paragraph or paragraphs below a colon. They are in a smaller type size and indented on the left. These quotations do not use quotation marks.

The choice of format is determined by the context and does not indicate that one quotation is considered more important than any other.

The printed version of the Report of the Commission adopts the common modern usage of macrons over long vowels in Maori terms.

Interested Persons

The Report uses the term ‘Interested Person’ to refer to those who were entitled to take part in the formal hearings because, in terms of section 4 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908, they satisfied the Commission they had an interest in the Inquiry apart from any interest in common with the public (see Appendix 1: Section 3.3 for further details).

Abbreviations

This Report uses the title of an organisation in full at first mention in each chapter of the Report and thereafter uses any designated abbreviated form or acronym. This procedure is repeated for each chapter. Thus, in chapter 3, under “Religious world views from the Judaeo-Christian tradition”, “Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia” is subsequently referred to as “Anglican Church”, and where the “Environmental Risk Management Authority” (ERMA) appears, it will be followed in that chapter by “ERMA”. The choices for abbreviated forms of Interested Persons are listed in table 1 of Appendix 2. A few names of Interested Persons were abbreviated further in this volume for the sake of readability.

References

Endnotes to chapters in this Report often make reference to transcripts, submissions and other documents received by the Commission during the course of its inquiry. Many of these are available on the Commission website, www.gmcommission.govt.nz, which will be maintained until 30 June 2002.