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**Subject:** Our OIA 2022/02: Review of continuing application of Commissions of Inquiry 1908 Act

Kia ora,

I am currently completing some research on Commissions of Inquiry, which includes preparing a chapter for [Dr Scott Prassers's](#) latest book on the topic. I would really appreciate answers to the following questions, ideally asap.

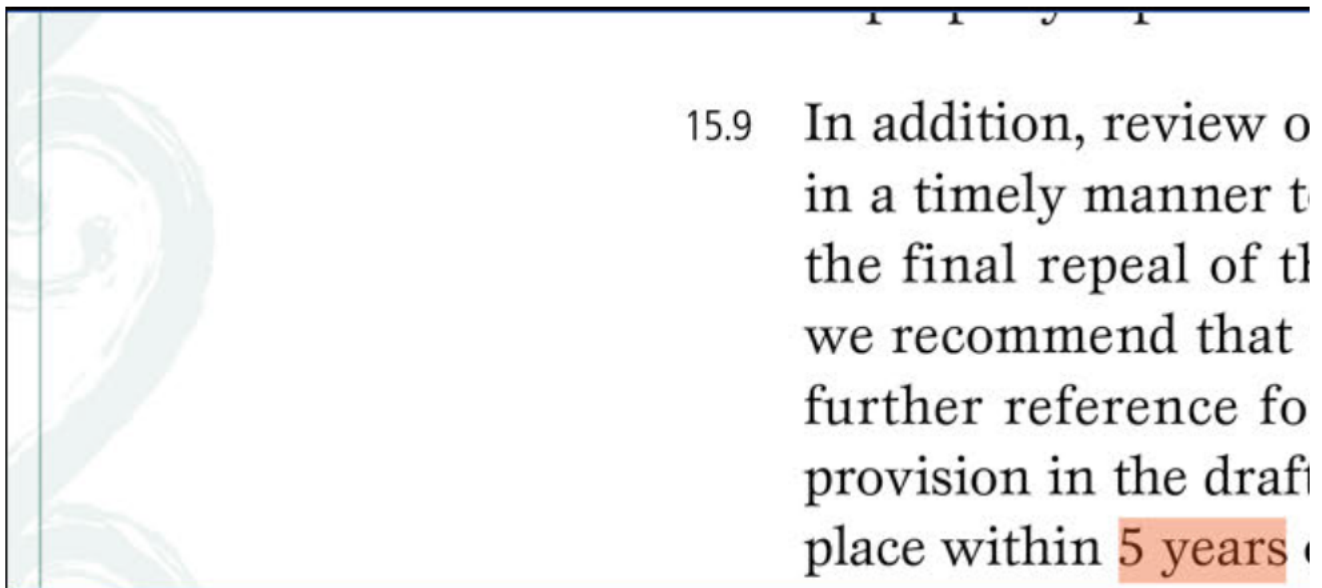
Given the Inquiries Act 2013 did include a reference to a review of the 1908 Act (see below);

1. Who completed the review and when?
2. What did they find?
3. What did they recommend?
4. How did government respond? (I note the 1908 Act still exists)

See a few snip-its for your background info.

It is discussed in Chapter 5 (Law Commission. (26 May 2008). *R102 A New Inquiries Act*. Wellington, New Zealand: Law Commission, pp. 190. Retrieved 15 March 2022 from <https://www.lawcom.govt.nz/sites/default/files/projectAvailableFormats/NZLC%20R102.pdf>

Many thanks, Wendy



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## *Review required*

### **36 Review of continuing application of Commissions of Inquiry**

- (1) Not later than **5 years** after the commencement of this Act, the Minister of the warrant or with the authority of the Prime Minister, is for the time being responsible must ensure that a review is commenced, in relation to the entities referred to
  - (a) what powers each entity requires to carry out its functions and duties; and
  - (b) what changes to the law are necessary to replace any powers an entity exercised under [Act 1908](#).
- (2) The purpose of the review required by this section is to consider whether the provisions of [Inquiry Act 1908](#) can be repealed.

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