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Submission on:

Births, Deaths, Marriages and Relationships Registration Bill

Submission To: Megan Robins
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Nurse Practitioners New Zealand (NPNZ) would like to thank you for this opportunity to submit on the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Bill

We would like to draw attention to clause 33 of the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Bill where it states:

“33 Preliminary notice of death must be provided to Registrar

A doctor who gives a certificate of cause of death (as defined in section 2(1) of the Burial and Cremation Act 1964) in relation to a death must provide a preliminary notice of the death to the Registrar-General within 3 working days after giving the certificate.”

This clause would seem to be at odds with the Burials and Cremation Amendment Act 2016 that comes into force on the 31st of January 2018, where Section 4 of the Burials and Cremations Amendment Act (2016) amends section 2(1) of the Burials and Cremation Act (1964) and adds in the definition of a Nurse Practitioner as they will be able to issue a certificate of cause of death.

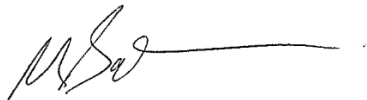
We respectfully ask that Clause 33 of the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Bill be duly amended to:

‘A medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner’

So that Clause 33 of the Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Bill reads:

“33 Preliminary notice of death must be provided to Registrar

A medical practitioner or a nurse practitioner who gives a certificate of cause of death (as defined in section 2(1) of the Burial and Cremation Act (1964) in relation to a death must provide a preliminary notice of the death to the Registrar-General within 3 working days after giving the certificate.”



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