

State of National Emergency is extended for a further seven days

The National State of Emergency, originally declared on 25 March, has been extended a further seven days to allow emergency services to retain their additional powers and resources for the duration of the alert level 4 lockdown.

Under a State of Emergency declaration, civil defence emergency management workers are enabled to manage roads, traffic and public places and can also issue first aid and provide shelter, food and accommodation.

The initial declaration lasted seven days and each subsequent extension will be the same, but there is no limit to the number of extensions that can be made.

Some legal experts have called for clarity over the application of emergency powers, and the legal frameworks that surround these.

Resources:

State of National Emergency extended <<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/state-national-emergency-extended-1>> 31 March 2020

State of Emergency extended – legal experts call for clarity
<<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/middayreport/audio/2018740895/state-of-emergency-extended-legal-experts-call-for-clarity>> 31 March 2020

The rule of law matters even more during an emergency
<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/politics/opinion/120666760/the-rule-of-law-matters-even-more-during-an-emergency?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter> 31 March 2020