

2011 CHAPTER 25

PART 5 ENFORCEMENT

Rights of entry for enforcement purposes

Right to enter under warrant

- **177.**—(1) If it is shown to the satisfaction of a lay magistrate on a complaint on oath—
 - (a) that there are reasonable grounds for entering any land for any of the purposes mentioned in section 176(1) or (2); and
 - (b) that—
 - (i) admission to the land has been refused, or a refusal is reasonably apprehended; or
 - (ii) the case is one of urgency,

the lay magistrate may issue a warrant authorising any person duly authorised in writing by the council or, as the case may be, the Department to enter the land.

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(b)(i) admission to land shall be regarded as having been refused if no reply is received to a request for admission within a reasonable period.
 - (3) A warrant authorises entry on one occasion only and that entry must be—
 - (a) within one month from the date of the issue of the warrant; and
 - (b) at a reasonable time, unless the case is one of urgency.