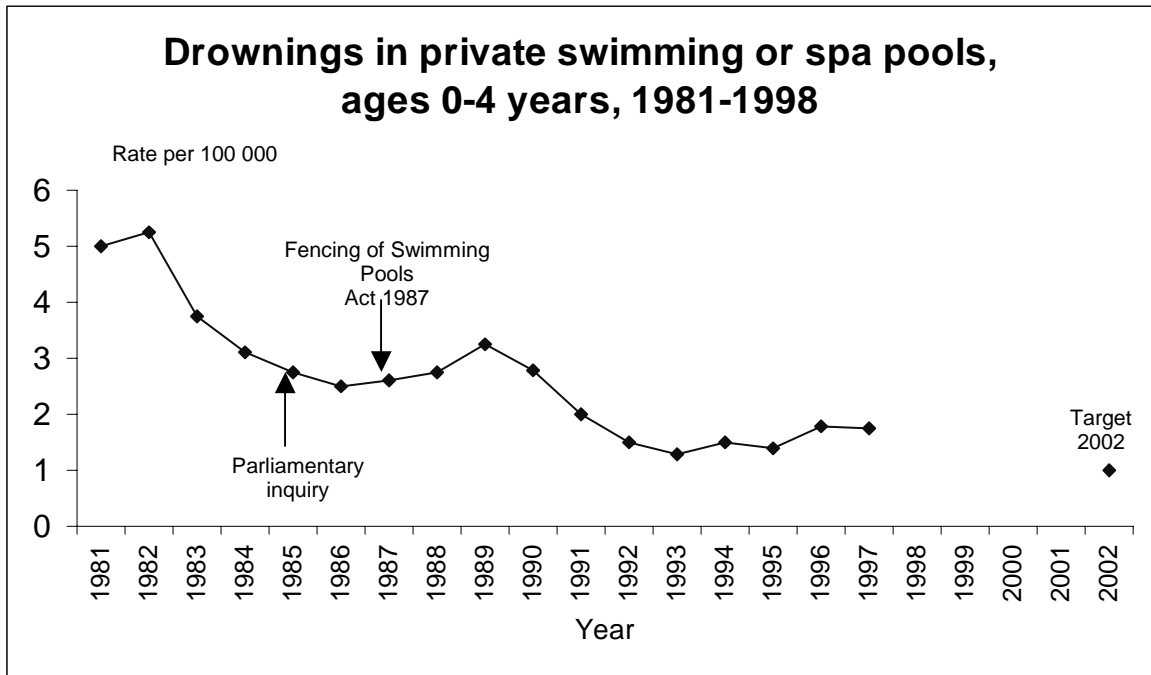


4. DROWNINGS IN PRIVATE SWIMMING OR SPA POOLS

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The purpose of this report is to respond to a request from the Council Hearings Panel (Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987) for information on drownings in swimming and spa pools, and also to comment on the requirement for a building consent for a swimming or spa pool.

1. Statistics on Drownings



Source: *Water Safety New Zealand*

Note: *The figure for 1997 is a three-year rolling average for 1996-98, and rates are age specific to 0-4 years old.*

2. Building Consents

A building consent is required for a spa pool/swimming pool as follows:

Building Act 1991 - Third Schedule - Exempt Buildings and Building Work

A building consent shall not be required in respect of the following building work:

- (g) Any tank or pool and any structure support thereof (excluding a swimming pool as defined in section 2 of the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987)

Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987

Section (2) Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Swimming pool” and “pool” mean an excavation, structure, or product that is used or is capable of being used for the purposes of swimming, wading, or bathing; and includes any such excavation, structure or product, that is a spa pool.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.