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Attorney-General

**Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Rugby World Cup 2023 Extended Trading Hours)
Amendment Bill 2023 PCO 25425/4.0 – Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights
Act 1990**

Our Ref: ATT395/383

1. We have examined version 4.0 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Rugby World Cup 2023 Extended Trading Hours) Amendment Bill 2023 (the **Bill**) for consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (the **Bill of Rights Act**).
2. We could find no inconsistency with the Bill of Rights Act.

The Bill

3. The Bill temporarily amends the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 (the **Act**) to permit eligible licensees to extend trading hours for the purposes of televising games played as part of the men's Rugby World Cup 2023, without applying for a special licence.
4. The men's Rugby World Cup 2023 will be held in France and the time zone differences mean that some matches will fall outside the permitted trading hours under the Act. The Bill proposes an extension to the normal trading hours for licenced premises to accommodate the televised matches.
5. The Bill is based on a similar regime that was put in place for the men's Rugby World Cup in 2015 and 2019.¹
6. The Bill does not engage any of the rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights Act.
7. The draft Bill may undergo further changes before its introduction. We will monitor those changes and notify you immediately if any alteration to this advice becomes necessary.

¹ The Bill's only substantive difference to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Rugby World Cup 2019 Extended Trading Hours) Amendment Bill 2019 is the requirement for Police to keep records of notices given under new s 45C (to televise men's Rugby World Cup 2023 games) for research purposes (per new s 45H).

Review of this advice

8. In accordance with Crown Law's policies, this advice has been peer reviewed by Helen Carrad, Crown Counsel.



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Encl.


Noted / Approved / Not Approved

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