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Hon David Parker, Attorney-General

Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990: Accident Compensation (Access Reporting and Other Matters) Amendment Bill

1. We have considered whether the Accident Compensation (Access Reporting and Other Matters) Amendment Bill (the Bill) is consistent with the rights and freedoms affirmed in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (the Bill of Rights Act).
2. We have not yet received a final version of the Bill. This advice has been prepared in relation to the latest version of the Bill (PCO 24471/1.5). We will provide you with further advice if the final version includes amendments that affect the conclusions in this advice.
3. The Bill amends the Accident Compensation Act 2001 (the Act). It amends the purpose of the Act, to include a function to ensure that the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) focuses on monitoring access to the accident compensation scheme by Māori and other population groups, and creates a requirement for ACC to report on these matters annually. It also amends the Act to bring forward eligibility for the minimum rate of weekly compensation from the sixth to the second week of incapacity.
4. We have concluded that the Bill appears to be consistent with the rights and freedoms affirmed in the Bill of Rights Act.



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