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Hon David Parker, Attorney-General

**Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990: New Zealand Public Health and Disability (Waikato DHB) Elections Bill**

1. We have considered whether the New Zealand Public Health and Disability (Waikato DHB) Elections 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 22147/2.0). We will provide you with further advice if the final version includes amendments that affect the conclusions in this advice.
3. The Bill exempts the Waikato District Health Board (the Waikato DHB) from the 2019 triennial general election in order to provide for the continuation of the term of office of a commissioner for the Waikato DHB until the repeal date. In order to cancel the election, the Bill disapplies certain provisions of the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and the Local Electoral Act 2001 for the period that the Bill is in force.
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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