

15 September 2022

Hon David Parker, Attorney-General

Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990: Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day Bill

1. We have considered whether the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day 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 25041/3.0). We will provide you with further advice if the final version includes amendments that affect the conclusions in this advice.
3. The Bill establishes a one-off public holiday on 26 September 2022 to be observed as a day of commemoration to acknowledge the long and dedicated service of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to New Zealand. The day will be observed as a public holiday for the purposes of the Holidays Act 2003 and as a day that schools must be closed in accordance with the Education and Training Act 2020.
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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