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Hon David Parker, Attorney-General

**Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990: Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Levy) Amendment Bill**

1. We have considered whether the Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Levy) 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. The Bill amends Part 3 of the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017 to:
  - a. impose a levy on contracts of insurance for fire damage;
  - b. change the basis of the calculation of the levy from 'amount insured' to the 'sum insured' under an insurance policy;
  - c. clarify how the levy applies to motor vehicles; and,
  - d. amend the commencement date of Part 3 to allow time for levy regulations to be made.
3. 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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