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Hon Christopher Finlayson QC, Attorney-General

### **Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990: Legislation Bill**

1. We have considered whether the Legislation 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 rewrites and replaces the Legislation Act 2012 to implement reforms relating to the production of high-quality legislation that is easy to find, use, and understand. For example, the Bill aims to enable easy access to legislation in New Zealand for individuals and businesses, and improve the overview and enforcement of regulatory regimes, by expanding the content of the New Zealand Legislation website. The Bill also updates and re-enacts the Interpretation Act 1999.
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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