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Hon David Parker, Attorney-General

**Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990: Health (National Cervical Screening Programme) Amendment Bill**

**Purpose**

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1. We have considered whether the Health (National Cervical Screening Programme) 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 purpose of the Bill is to amend the Health Act 1956 ('the principal Act') to enable direct access to the National Cervical Screening Programme Register ('the Register') for specified health practitioners and their administrative staff, screening support services staff, and Register administrators. The Bill makes technical revisions to Part 4A of the principal Act, which governs the Register and establishes strict limits on its access and use.
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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