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Hon Christopher Finlayson QC, Attorney-General

Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990: Ombudsmen (Cost Recovery) Amendment Bill

1. We have considered whether the Ombudsmen (Cost Recovery) Amendment Bill ('the Bill'), a member's Bill in the name of Hon David Parker, 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 the Ombudsmen Act 1975 to allow the Ombudsmen to set guidelines for recovering the costs of their investigations from the agencies being investigated.
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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