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Hon David Parker, Attorney-General

Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990: Palmerston North Reserves Empowering Amendment Bill

- 1. We have considered whether the **Palmerston North Reserves Empowering Amendment Bill** (the Bill), a Local Bill in the name of Tangi Utikere MP, 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 Palmerston North Reserves Empowering Act 1966 (the principal Act) so that the land described in the Schedule (currently held by the Palmerston North City Council (the Council) under the Palmerston North Reserves Act 1922) is vested in the Council for the purposes of the principal Act enabling the Council to sell the land if it becomes surplus to requirements.
- 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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