

7 September 2020

Hon David Parker, Attorney-General

**Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990: Lawyers and Conveyancers (Employed Lawyers Providing Free Legal Services) Amendment Bill**

Please find attached our advice about the consistency of this Bill with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. We have concluded that the Bill appears to be **consistent** with that Act.

**Details of the Bill**

<b>Member:</b>	Chris Bishop	<b>Bill Type:</b>	Member's Bill
<b>Committee:</b>	Not Applicable (Non-Government Bill)	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	n/a

**Recommendations**

<b>Note</b> the attached advice about the consistency of the Bill with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.	<b>YES / DISCUSS</b>
<b>Direct</b> the Ministry of Justice to publish the advice on its website.	<b>YES / NO</b>
<b>Refer</b> a copy of the advice to the Minister of Justice.	<b>YES / NO</b>
<b>Refer</b> a copy of the advice to Chris Bishop MP.	<b>YES / NO</b>

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1. We have considered whether the Lawyers and Conveyancers (Employed Lawyers Providing Free Legal Services) Amendment Bill ('the Bill'), a Member's Bill in the name of Chris Bishop 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 Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006 ('the Act') to allow employed lawyers to do free legal work outside of their employment, provided their employers agree and it is in accordance with any practice rules made under the Act by the New Zealand Law Society.
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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