

2 September 2021

Hon David Parker, Attorney-General

Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990: Animal Welfare Amendment Bill

1. We have considered whether the Animal Welfare 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. We have not yet received a final version of the Bill. This advice has been prepared in relation to the latest version of the Bill (PCO 23815/1.12). We will provide you with further advice if the final version includes amendments that affect the conclusions in this advice.
3. The Bill amends the Animal Welfare Act 1999 ('the Act') to prohibit the issuing of animal welfare export certificates ('Certificates') for the export of livestock from New Zealand by ship on or after 30 April 2023. From 30 April 2023 the Bill also revokes any previously issued Certificates allowing the export of livestock from New Zealand by ship on or after 30 April 2023.
4. 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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