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Hon David Parker, Attorney-General

Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990: Resource Management (Enabling for Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Bill

1. We have considered whether the Resource Management (Enabling for Housing Supply and Other Matters) 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 23683/8.2). 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 Resource Management Act 1991 (the Principal Act). The Principal Act promotes the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.
4. The Bill seeks to rapidly accelerate the supply of housing where the demand for housing is high. This will help to address some of the issues with housing choice and affordability that Aotearoa New Zealand currently faces in its largest cities. It requires territorial authorities in Aotearoa New Zealand's major cities to set more permissive land use regulations that seek to enable greater intensification in urban areas.
5. 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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