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ATTORNEY-GENERAL

LEGAL ADVICE

CONSISTENCY WITH THE NEW ZEALAND BILL OF RIGHTS ACT 1990:
MOUNT MAUNGANUI BOROUGH RECLAMATION AND EMPOWERING ACT REPEAL BILL

1. We have considered whether the Mount Maunganui Borough Reclamation and Empowering Act Repeal 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’). The Bill is a Local Bill in the name of Te Ururoa Flavell MP.

2. The Bill was introduced on 22 May 2012 and is awaiting its first reading. The next Members’ Day is scheduled for 30 May 2012; however, we understand it could be deferred for the Budget Debate.

3. The Bill repeals the Mount Maunganui Borough Reclamation and Empowering Act 1975. We have concluded that the Bill appears to be consistent with the rights and freedoms affirmed in the Bill of Rights Act. This advice has been prepared by the Public Law Group and the Office of Legal Counsel.

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