Riccarton Bush Amendment Bill

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ATTORNEY-GENERAL

LEGAL ADVICE

CONSISTENCY WITH THE NEW ZEALAND BILL OF RIGHTS ACT 1990:
RICCARTON BUSH AMENDMENT BILL

1. We have considered whether the Riccarton Bush 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’). The Bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on 30 May 2012 and is awaiting its first reading. We understand that the next Members’ Day is scheduled for 13 June 2012.

2. The Bill amends the Riccarton Bush Act 1914, the Riccarton Bush Amendment Act 1947 and the Riccarton Bush Amendment Act 1949. It aims to modernise and update the governance arrangements for the Board, known as The Riccarton Bush Trustees, to better define its functions, provide for the continuation of its work, and enhance its finance and administration.

3. 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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