Waitaki District Council Reserves and Other Land Empowering Bill

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ATTORNEY-GENERAL

LEGAL ADVICE

CONSISTENCY WITH THE NEW ZEALAND BILL OF RIGHTS ACT 1990:
WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL RESERVES AND OTHER LAND EMPOWERING BILL

1. We have considered whether the Waitaki District Council Reserves and Other Land Empowering 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 Jacqui Dean. The Bill was introduced to the House on 10 May 2012, had its first reading on 13 June 2012, and was referred to the Local Government and Environment Committee.

2. The purpose of the Bill is to revoke the reservation of two pieces of land within the Waitaki District and to clarify the status of a third piece of land in the district.

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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