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Hon Christopher Finlayson QC, Attorney-General

Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990: Crown Minerals (Protection of World Heritage Sites) Amendment Bill

1. We have considered whether the Crown Minerals (Protection of World Heritage Sites) Amendment Bill (‘the Bill’), a member’s Bill in the name of Hon Ruth Dyson MP, is consistent with the rights and freedoms affirmed in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (‘the Bill of Rights Act’).

2. The Bill seeks to add World Heritage Sites as land areas to which access restrictions apply under Schedule 4 of the Crown Minerals Act 1991.

3. 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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