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Hon David Parker, Attorney-General

Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990: Electronic Compliance with Reporting Requirements Bill

1. We have considered whether the Electronic Compliance with Reporting Requirements Bill (‘the Bill’), a member’s Bill in the name of Adrian Rurawhe 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 amends the Public Finance Act 1989 and the Crown Entities Act 2004 (‘the Acts’) to enable public organisations to fulfil their statutory reporting requirements under the Acts electronically. The amendments provide that accountability documents may be presented and published in electronic form.

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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