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Hon Christopher Finlayson QC, Attorney-General

**Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990: Rates Rebate (Retirement Village Residents) Amendment Bill**

1. We have considered whether the Rates Rebate (Retirement Village Residents) 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').
2. This Bill is a Member's Bill in the name of Hon Ruth Dyson and was introduced into the House of Representatives on 5 May 2016.
3. This Bill addresses an anomaly in the Rates Rebate Act 1973, and ensures that retirement village residents are recognised as paying rates and are therefore entitled to apply for a rates rebate regardless of the billing practice of the local authority.
4. 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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