

New Zealand Day Bill

28 October 2004

Attorney-General

LEGAL ADVICE

CONSISTENCY WITH THE NEW ZEALAND BILL OF RIGHTS ACT 1990:

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1. We have considered the New Zealand Day Bill ("the Bill") for consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (the "Bill of Rights Act"). The Bill is a Member's Bill in the name of Hon Peter Dunne MP.
2. The New Zealand Day Bill seeks to rename Waitangi Day and to regularise its celebration on the Monday of any week in which 6 February falls. It also seeks to repeal the Waitangi Day Act 1976.
3. We have come to the conclusion that this Bill appears to be consistent with the Bill of Rights Act.
4. In accordance with your instructions, we attach a copy of this opinion for referral to the Minister of Justice. We also attach a copy for referral to Hon Peter Dunne MP, if you agree.

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cc Minister of Justice
Hon Peter Dunne (MP)

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