

Auckland Domain (Auckland Tennis) Amendment Bill

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Attorney-General

LEGAL ADVICE

CONSISTENCY WITH THE NEW ZEALAND BILL OF RIGHTS ACT 1990: AUCKLAND DOMAIN (AUCKLAND TENNIS) AMENDMENT BILL

1. We have considered whether the Auckland Domain (Auckland Tennis) Amendment Bill (the "Bill"), a Local Bill in the name of Hon Judith Tizard, is consistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. The Bill was introduced to the House of Representatives on 31 October 2007 and is currently awaiting its first reading. The Ministry understands that the next Members' Day is scheduled for 21 November 2007.
2. The Bill is designed to enable the redevelopment by Auckland Tennis Incorporated of the facilities it currently leases from Auckland City Council (the "Council"). To this end, the Bill seeks to amend the Auckland Domain Act 1987 to:
 - extend the term of lease the Council is empowered to grant to Auckland Tennis Incorporated from a maximum of 21 years to a maximum of 50 years;
 - provide the Council with the power to authorise a sublease of the land that is currently leased to Auckland Tennis Incorporated; and
 - update the reference to Auckland Lawn Tennis Association (Incorporated) to Auckland Tennis Incorporated.
3. The Bill also seeks to make some minor amendments to the Reserves and Other Lands Disposal Act 1974, which sets out the legal description of the land that may be leased to Auckland Tennis Incorporated.
4. We have concluded that the Bill does not appear to be inconsistent with the rights and freedoms affirmed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

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