

# **Energy (Fuels, Levies, and References) Amendment Bill**

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Attorney-General

## **Legal Advice**

### **Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990:**

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1. We have considered whether the Energy (Fuels, Levies, and References) Amendment Bill (PCO 17378/6.0) ('the Bill') is consistent with the rights and freedoms affirmed in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 ('the Bill of Rights Act'). We understand that the Bill will be considered by the Cabinet Legislation Committee at its meeting on Thursday, 7 November 2013.

2. The objective of the Bill is to allow for the costs of meeting New Zealand's oil stockholding treaty obligation under the Agreement on an International Energy Program (Agreement) to be met through a levy on fuel. New Zealand and other signatories to the Agreement are required to hold oil stock equivalent to 90 days of net imports. Stockholding costs have previously been funded through general taxation.

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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