

## ***Airport Authorities (Sale to the Crown) Amendment Bill***

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Attorney-General

### LEGAL ADVICE

#### CONSISTENCY WITH THE NEW ZEALAND BILL OF RIGHTS ACT 1990: AIRPORT AUTHORITIES (SALE TO THE CROWN) AMENDMENT BILL

1. We have considered the Airport Authorities (Sale to the Crown) Amendment Bill (the "Bill") for consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (the "Bill of Rights Act").
2. The Bill was introduced to the House of Representatives on Thursday, 7 September 2006 in the name of Darren Hughes MP. We understand the next Members' Day is scheduled for Wednesday, 11 October 2006.
3. The Bill seeks to address the problems raised by the Petition 1999/231 of Ross Sutherland and 584 others surrounding the sale of Paraparaumu Airport. The Bill implements the Transport and Industrial Relations Committee's recommendations in relation to that petition by amending the Airport Authorities Act 1966 to:
  - provide mechanisms for the Crown to purchase airport land, which was initially Crown land, being sold;
  - provide a mechanism for the Government to place restrictions on land use to ensure the continued use of land as an aerodrome; and
  - specify the Ministry of Transport as the public agency responsible for enforcing the provisions of the Act.
4. We have concluded that the Bill appears to be consistent with the Bill of Rights Act.

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