

Architects Bill 2003

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Attorney-General

LEGAL ADVICE

CONSISTENCY WITH THE NEW ZEALAND BILL OF RIGHTS ACT 1990: ARCHITECTS BILL 2003

1. We have considered whether the Architects Bill 2003 (the Bill) (PCO 5364/4), is consistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. We understand that this Bill will be considered by the Cabinet Legislation Committee at its meeting on Thursday 9 October 2003.
2. This Bill is a companion measure to the recently introduced Building Bill, and is designed to be a component of the measures that enhance the regulatory framework for the building industry. The purpose of the Bill is to reform the law relating to the registration of architects and to continue the statutory protection of the title of architect. The Bill establishes a registration system for architects, requires that architects be bound by a code of ethics as well as a complaints and disciplinary process, and establishes a statutory body to carry out the functions relating to these purposes.
3. 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.
4. In accordance with your instructions, we attach a copy of this opinion for referral to the Minister of Justice. A copy is also attached for referral to the Minister of Economic Development, if you agree.

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