

Southland Agricultural and Pastoral Association Empowering Bill

29 August 2006

Attorney-General

LEGAL ADVICE

CONSISTENCY WITH THE NEW ZEALAND BILL OF RIGHTS ACT 1990:

SOUTHLAND AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL ASSOCIATION EMPOWERING BILL

1. We have considered the Southland Agricultural and Pastoral Association Empowering Bill ('the Bill'), a Private Bill, for consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 ('the Bill of Rights Act'). The Bill was introduced to the House of Representatives on 22 August 2006 by Eric Roy MP and is currently awaiting its first reading. We understand that the next Members' day is scheduled for 6 September 2006.
2. The stated purpose of the Bill is to:
 - empower the Southland Agricultural and Pastoral Association Incorporated (the Society) to sell its interests in the Invercargill Showgrounds, or any other land it may acquire, without being required to invest the money in the purchase of other land suitable for the purposes of the Society; and
 - require the Society to apply the money received from the sale of the land towards purposes that are consistent with the objects of the Society.
3. We have concluded that the Bill appears to be consistent with the rights and freedoms contained in the Bill of Rights Act.

Jeff Orr
Chief Legal Counsel
Office of Legal Counsel

Margaret Dugdale
Policy Manager, Bill of Rights/Human Rights
Public Law Group

In addition to the general disclaimer for all documents on this website, please note the following: This advice was prepared to assist the Attorney-General to determine whether a report should be made to Parliament under s7 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 in relation to the Southland Agricultural and Pastoral Association Empowering Bill. It should not be used or acted upon for any other purpose. The advice does no more than assess whether the Bill complies with the minimum guarantees contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act. The release of this advice should not be taken to indicate that the Attorney-General agrees with all aspects of it, nor does its release constitute a general waiver of legal professional privilege in respect of this or any other matter. Whilst care has been taken to ensure that this document is an accurate reproduction of the advice provided to the Attorney-General, neither the Ministry of Justice nor the Crown Law Office accepts any liability for any errors or omissions.