

# Te Runanga o Ngati Awa Bill

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Attorney-General

## LEGAL ADVICE

### CONSISTENCY WITH THE NEW ZEALAND BILL OF RIGHTS ACT 1990 TE RUNANGA O NGATI AWA BILL

1. We have considered whether the Te Runanga o Ngati Awa Bill 2004 (Private Bill 176-1) (the "Bill") is consistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (the "Bill of Rights Act"). The Bill was introduced to the House on 11 August 2004 and we understand that it will receive its first reading on 25 August 2004 (the next Member's Day).
2. The purpose of the Bill is to give effect to the agreements between the Crown and Ngati Awa concerning the reconstitution of the structure and operations of Te Runanga o Ngati Awa, so as to enable the entity to receive and administer the Ngati Awa settlement redress for and on behalf of Ngati Awa.
3. We have concluded that the Bill appears to achieve overall consistency with the Bill of Rights Act.
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 Maori Affairs, if you agree.

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