FORMAL REPORT UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE NEW ZEALAND BILL OF RIGHTS ACT 1990

TECHNOLOGY AND CRIMES REFORM BILL

Pursuant to section 7 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, the Attorney-General brings to the attention of the House of Representatives clauses 6, 7, 14(2) and 29(4) of the Technology and Crimes Reform Bill.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 5 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (which relates to justified limitations) these clauses appear to be inconsistent with the rights contained in the following sections of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990:

1 Clauses 6 and 7: section 14 (the right to freedom of expression);

2 Clause 14(2): section 21 (the right to be secure against unreasonable search and seizure);

3 Clause 29(4): section 25(c) (the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty).

Dated this day of August 1994

Attorney-General