



4 November 2022

Attorney-General

**Legal Services Amendment Bill (PCO 22615/4.0) – Consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990**

**Our Ref: ATT395/374**

1. We have examined the Legal Services Amendment Bill PCO 22615/4.0 (“the Bill”) for consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (“the Bill of Rights Act”).
2. We could find no inconsistency with the Bill of Rights Act.

**The Bill**

3. The Legal Services Amendment Bill will repeal the provisions in the Legal Services Act 2011 relating to the payment of the user charge payable by most civil and family legal aid applicants to the lead legal aid provider, and the interest that is charged on unpaid legal aid debt. The Bill will also make consequential amendments to the Legal Services Regulations 2011.
4. In doing so it does not engage any of the rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights Act.

**Review of this advice**

5. In accordance with Crown Law’s policies, this advice has been peer reviewed by Debra Harris, Crown Counsel.

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**Encl.**

**Noted / Approved / Not Approved**

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Hon David Parker  
**Attorney-General**

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