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New Zealand Bill of Rights Bill

The Bill has two purposes:

- (a) To affirm, protect, and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms in New Zealand; and
- (b) To affirm New Zealand's commitment to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Main features:

- (a) An ordinary statute, not entrenched.
- (b) Bill is confined to civil and political rights.
- (c) Bill applies to actions carried out by the State and its agencies, not to the actions of private individuals.
- (d) The rights and freedoms contained in the Bill are not absolute nor exhaustive.
- (e) The Bill charges the Attorney-General with the responsibility of alerting Parliament where any provision of any Bill introduced into the House of Representatives appears to be inconsistent with the rights and freedoms set out in the Bill.