

Law Reform Pipeline – 12 January 2016

This document sets out various places you can have your say. It includes some of the Bills that are currently going through parliament, Law Commission reviews, and local government proposals. For more information on each item you can click on the link provided. If you would like more information on writing a submission, you can contact Community Law Canterbury.

Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration (Preventing Name Change by Child Sex Offenders) Amendment Bill

This bill seeks to prevent people with child sex offence(s) from changing their name.

Submissions close 3 February 2016

http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/legislation/bills/00DBHOH_BILL66214_1/births-deaths-marriages-and-relationships-registration

Child Protection (Child Sex Offender Register) Bill

This bill establishes a Child Sex Offender Register.

Submissions closed, Select Committee report due 15 March 2016

http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/legislation/bills/00DBHOH_BILL64667_1/child-protection-child-sex-offender-register-bill

Employment Standards Legislation Bill

This bill makes changes to the following Acts:

- Parental Leave and Employment Protection Act
- Employment Relations Act
- Holidays Act
- Minimum Wage Act
- Wages Protection Act

Submissions closed, Select Committee report due 12 March 2016

http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/legislation/bills/00DBHOH_BILL64668_1/employment-standards-legislation-bill

Financial Assistance for Live Organ Donors Bill

The purpose of this bill is to provide financial assistance to people who donate kidney or liver tissue for transplantation purposes and who forego income during their convalescence.

Submissions closed, Select Committee report due 24 March 2016

http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/legislation/bills/00DBHOH_BILL63299_1/financial-assistance-for-live-organ-donors-bill

Greater Christchurch Regeneration Bill

The purpose of this bill is to provide a new legal framework for the next 5 years.

Submissions closed, Select Committee report due 25 February 2016

http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/legislation/bills/00DBHOH_BILL66263_1/greater-christchurch-regeneration-bill

Keep Kiwibank Bill

The purpose of this bill is to require any proposal to partly or wholly privatise Kiwibank would require the support of 75% of the House of Representatives or the support of a majority of voters in a referendum.

Submissions closed, Select Committee report due 14 April 2016

http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/legislation/bills/00DBHOH_BILL64673_1/keep-kiwibank-bill

Minimum Wage (Contractor Remuneration) Amendment Bill

The purpose of this bill is to amend the Minimum Rights Act 1983 to extend its provisions to apply to payments under a contract for service.

Submissions closed, Select Committee report due 29 April 2016

http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/legislation/bills/00DBHOH_BILL63162_1/minimum-wage-contractor-remuneration-amendment-bill

Official Information (Parliamentary Under-Secretaries) Amendment Bill

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that information held by Parliamentary Under-Secretaries in their official capacity is official information and subject to the Official Information Act 1982.

Submissions Closed, Select Committee report due 14 April 2016

http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/legislation/bills/00DBHOH_BILL64530_1/official-information-parliamentary-under-secretaries

Parental Leave and Employment Protection (Six Months' Paid Leave and Work Contract Hours) Amendment Bill

The purpose of this bill is to extend paid parental leave to 26 weeks, and to allow for flexibility for parents returning to work.

Submissions closed, Select Committee report due 16 March 2016

http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/legislation/bills/00DBHOH_BILL64527_1/parental-leave-and-employment-protection-six-months-paid

Public Collections and Solicitations (Disclosure of Payment) Bill

This bill seeks to bring transparency to public collectors who are paid to solicit donations or signatures, to ensure that the public is fully informed as to all the relevant information when signing, paying, or donating to any cause.

Submissions closed, Select Committee report due 12 February 2016

http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/legislation/bills/00DBHOH_BILL63298_1/public-collections-and-solicitations-disclosure-of-payment

Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill

This Bill will amend the Residential Tenancies Act 1986 to require smoke alarms and insulation in residential rental properties.

Submissions due 27 January 2016

http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/legislation/bills/00DBHOH_BILL67990_1/residential-tenancies-amendment-bill

Resource Legislation Amendment Bill

The purpose of this bill is to create a resource management system for the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

Submissions due 14 March 2016

http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/legislation/bills/00DBHOH_BILL67856_1/resource-legislation-amendment-bill

Riccarton Racecourse Bill

This bill replaces the existing legislation relating to Riccarton Racecourse with new legislation that will, amongst other things, provide for the subdivision of 40 hectares for housing.

Submissions closed, Select Committee report due 7 March 2016

http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/legislation/bills/00DBHOH_BILL66264_1/riccarton-racecourse-bill

Riccarton Racecourse Development Enabling Bill

Companion legislation to the Riccarton Racecourse Bill.

Submissions closed, Select Committee report due 7 March 2016

http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/legislation/bills/00DBHOH_BILL66265_1/riccarton-racecourse-development-enabling-bill

Shop Trading Hours Amendment Bill

This bill aims to allow territorial authorities a limited power to create bylaws that allow shop trading on Easter Sunday, and allow shop employees to refuse to work on Easter Sunday.

Submissions due 21 January 2016

http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/legislation/bills/00DBHOH_BILL66378_1/shop-trading-hours-amendment-bill

Taxation (Residential Land Withholding Tax, GST on Online Services, and Student Loans) Bill

This bill makes changes to the Student Loan Scheme; proposes a new residential land withholding tax; and provides for the collection of GST on cross-border services and intangibles, including internet downloads and online services.

Submissions due 26 January 2016

http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/legislation/bills/00DBHOH_BILL67682_1/taxation-residential-land-withholding-tax-gst-on-online

Taxation (Transformation: First Phase Simplification and Other Measures) Bill

This bill amends the following Acts:

- Income Tax Act 2007
- Tax Administration Act 1994
- Goods and Services Tax Act 1985
- Kiwisaver Act 2006
- Child Support Act 1991
- Student Loan Scheme Act 2011
- Gaming Duties Act 1971
- Accident Compensation Act 2001

Submissions closed, Select Committee report due 13 April 2016

http://www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/legislation/bills/00DBHOH_BILL63343_1/taxation-transformation-first-phase-simplification-and

Law Commission

There are currently no projects open for submission. For a list of open projects being undertaken by the Law Commission click [here](#).

Christchurch City Council

A variety of consultations are open for submission, with various due dates.

<http://www.ccc.govt.nz/the-council/have-your-say/whats-happening-now/consultations/>

Ashburton District Council

District-Wide Dog Control Survey

ADC is encouraging residents from across the district to put their views on dog control forward as part of its dog control policy and bylaw review.

Submissions close 31 January 2016.

<http://www.ashburtondc.govt.nz/our-council/news/articles/Pages/Council-conducts-district-wide-dog-control-survey.aspx>

Department of Conservation

Intention to grant concession to Orion

Have your say on the Minister of Conservation's intention to grant a 30 year concession to Orion New Zealand Limited at Kaitorete Spit Scenic Reserve to install and maintain a telecommunications mast and associated equipment, allow right of way access, and to convey electricity and telecommunications.

Submissions close 8 March 2016

<http://doc.govt.nz/get-involved/have-your-say/all-consultations/2015/intention-to-grant-concession-to-orion/>

Department of Internal Affairs

Class 4 Consultation: Ticket-Out Payment System

This document invites your comments about proposed changes to the Gambling Act (Class 4 Gambling Equipment) Minimum Equipment Standards. The proposed amendments would allow Cash-In-Ticket-Out (CITO) technology to be operated on Class 4 gaming machines.

Submissions close 15 February 2016

http://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Services-Casino-and-Non-Casino-Gaming-Gambling-Consultation

Inland Revenue Department

The Inland Revenue Department have a number of consultations, with various due dates.

<http://www.ird.govt.nz/public-consultation/>

Maritime New Zealand

Draft New Zealand Port and Harbour Safety Code 2015

You are invited to comment on the draft Port and Harbour Marine Safety Code and the associated implementation plan.

Submissions close 26 February 2016

<http://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/Consultation/Port-and-harbour/default.asp>

Ministry for the Environment

Consultation for the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme review 2015/16

The Ministry for the Environment welcomes your feedback on how the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme is working and how it might work better in the future.

Submissions close 19 February 2016 for priority issues, and 30 April 2016 for other review matters

<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/consultation/new-zealand-ets-review-201516-consultation>

Ministry of Health

Reducing harm caused by commercial sunbeds

The Ministry is consulting on proposals to introduce new regulations to protect the public from harm from commercial sunbeds.

Submissions close 12 February 2016

<http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/reducing-harm-caused-commercial-sunbeds>

The Regulation of Natural Health Products consultation

The Government is developing a new regulatory scheme for low-risk natural health products, and is interested in public feedback on the proposals outlined in the consultation document and the draft papers.

Submissions close 5 February 2016

<http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/regulation-natural-health-products-consultation>

Taking Action on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD): A discussion document

The discussion document outlines the Governments proposed approach for addressing FASD. You are invited to have your say via the form included in the discussion document or by some other medium (for example, video, painting, etc).

Submissions close 26 February 2016

<http://www.health.govt.nz/publication/taking-action-fetal-alcohol-spectrum-disorder-fasd-discussion-document>

Ministry of Transport

Small passenger services review

The review will consider transport licensing requirements applying to taxis, shuttles, private hire vehicles, and dial-a-driver services.

Submissions close 12 February 2016

<http://www.transport.govt.nz/land/small-passenger-services-review/>

Ministry for Women

Draft of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women

The government is seeking public feedback on its draft eighth periodic report.

Submissions close 31 January 2016.

<http://women.govt.nz/news/public-consultation-opens-cedaw-report>

New Zealand Productivity Commission

Better Urban Planning

This inquiry looks at the most appropriate system for allocating land use in cities.

Submissions close 9 March 2016

<http://www.productivity.govt.nz/inquiry-content/2682?stage=2>

Tertiary Education Commission

Simplifying Investment Plans

This consultation seeks feedback on how to simplify the operation of the plan system to focus resources away from administration and towards activities that improve outcomes.

Submissions Close 29 January 2016

<http://www.tec.govt.nz/Tertiary-Sector/Reviews-and-consultation/Simplifying-investment-plans/>