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Dear Mr Hill

Thank you for your letter of 20 December 2019 outlining your review of the Health and Disability Commissioner Act 1994 (the Act) and Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights.

I note your recommendations to progress legislative amendments from earlier reviews and your ongoing work in relation to research with adults who cannot provide informed consent.

Given other Government priorities at this time, I will discuss these recommendations with the incoming Commissioner and with the Ministry of Health in due course. Please note that your letter will be presented to Parliament shortly, as the Act requires.

I appreciate your continued efforts to promote and protect the rights of health and disability service consumers in New Zealand.

Thank you again for writing. I wish you well.

Yours sincerely

Hon Dr David Clark **Minister of Health**