

**Factors to consider in deciding whether to consult with LDAC  
in relation to a legislative proposal**

LDAC is likely to be interested in, and departments should consider engaging with LDAC in respect of:

<b>Design issues</b>
A legislative proposal that will create a new principal Act.
A legislative proposal that introduces a new regulatory regime (eg prohibitions plus licensing, creating an agency, etc).
A legislative proposal that creates special operating regimes that supplant existing regulatory schemes.
<b>Issues of constitutional importance</b>
A legislative proposal that creates significant powers to enter or to seize property or compel provision of information or significantly affects property rights.
A legislative proposal that raises human rights issues.
A legislative proposal that has special features raising concern such as retrospectivity, or relate to extant legal proceedings, overturn a court judgment, or override contracts or other legal rights.
A legislative proposal that involves delegation of powers of exemption (or addition), or empowers delegated legislation to override primary legislation (Henry VIII powers).
A legislative proposal that deals with a topic of constitutional significance (eg on the structure and powers of courts and tribunals, or affecting Parliament, or the workings of the Executive, or the Crown-Maori relationship).
<b>Issues involving complex choices</b>
A legislative proposal that is likely to impact on the coherence of the statute book (eg because of a significant degree of overlap or interaction with other legislation, the common law, or regulators).
A legislative proposal that has an international dimension (eg attempting to regulate the conduct of overseas entities operating in New Zealand, or New Zealand citizens operating overseas).
A legislative proposal that involves complex transitional issues (eg moving an area of regulation and associated dispute resolution procedures into a new procedural paradigm).
Legislative proposals for a new, or significant amendments to an existing, compliance and enforcement regime.
A legislative proposal that raises questions of instrument choice (eg involves competing considerations in determining the appropriate divide between primary and secondary legislation)
<b>Other significant issues</b>
Legislative proposals whose aims might be obtained by executive and administrative action and do not need empowerment by statute.