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Idea for law reform

These may come from Cabinet, government departments, lobby groups, Members of Parliament, private citizens, etc.

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Referred to the Law Commission

The Minister responsible for the Law Commission may refer the idea/review to the Law Commission for consideration.

OR

The Law Commission's role

Project researched

The Commission will conduct extensive research into the area of law referred to it and consult key stakeholders.

Issues Paper published

The Commission will publish an Issues Paper containing background information and questions for consideration.

Call for submissions

The Commission asks the public to submit their opinions on the Issues Paper.

Report published

Final recommendations are made in a report which is tabled in the House of Representatives and published on the Commission's website.

Government responds to Law Commission Report

Government accepts some or all of the Commission's recommendations

Government rejects Commission's recommendations

No amendments made to the law

Idea for Bill gains enough support to be considered by the Government

Drafting of Bill

The Bill is drafted by the Parliamentary Counsel Office.

Bill Introduced to the House of Representatives

Bill goes through the Parliamentary process

This includes referral to select committee, which includes a public consultation process

Law reform is completed

The Bill **becomes law** when it is assented to.

= HAVE YOUR SAY