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Major constitutional reform was undertaken in South Africa in the mid-1990s. As part of this reform, rights to administrative justice were included in a Bill of Rights. In 2000 national legislation was passed to give effect to these rights. This article reviews one of the principal pieces of such legislation, the *Promotion of Administrative Justice Act 2000*, highlighting key similarities and differences to the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977*. ....

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### **Is the defeat of health warnings a victory for human rights? The Attorney-General and pre-legislative scrutiny for consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights – *Grant Huscroft***

The elected branch of government plays an important role in protecting human rights, and pre-legislative scrutiny to determine whether proposed legislation is consistent with human rights instruments is a feature of the policy development and legislative processes in many countries. The Attorney-General is required to act as an independent check on the legislative process in New Zealand by reporting to the House when proposed legislation is inconsistent with the *New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990*. In this article I consider the performance of the Attorney-General in reporting on a Bill that proposed to require health warnings on liquor labels. I argue that the Attorney-General should not have reported on the Bill, and consider the impact of her report on the legislative process. ....

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