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**Agreement
relating to Science, Research and Innovation
Cooperation**

between

the Government of New Zealand

and

the Government of Australia

The Government of New Zealand and the Government of Australia, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

Recognising the importance of science, research and Innovation for the future prosperity and wellbeing of the peoples and enterprises of Australia and New Zealand, and elsewhere, and the potential for these benefits to be enhanced through shared goals and more effective sharing and movement of ideas, knowledge, talent and resources between the two countries;

Acknowledging that the Parties and the peoples of Australia and New Zealand already derive significant benefits from a deep and productive science, research and Innovation relationship;

Recognising that this science, research and Innovation relationship will be better served by the development of an enduring comprehensive, material and adaptive cooperation framework between the Parties through which to conduct the science, research and Innovation relationship, and to set in place the conditions to achieve a trans-Tasman Innovation ecosystem;

Considering the desirability, in areas of common interest, of promoting the closest collaboration between scientific, research and Innovation agencies and institutions and the private sectors of both countries for the purpose of using science, research and Innovation to develop economic, environmental and social benefits of both countries, achieving better outcomes than could be achieved individually;

Acknowledging the New Zealand Government's commitment to the principles of The Treaty of Waitangi;

Having Regard to the strong economic relationship between the Parties under the umbrella of the *Australia New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement*, done at Canberra on 28 March 1983 (as amended), including the significant progress made on the Single Economic Market between Australia and New Zealand;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Definitions

For the purposes of this Agreement:

1. "Agreement Coordinator" has the meaning in Article 4;
2. "Cooperative Activity" means any activity carried on or supported by the Parties pursuant to this Agreement;
3. "Executive Agent" has the meaning in Article 4;
4. "Information" means policy, scientific or technical data, results, or methods of research and development, including software, stemming from Joint Research, science and Innovation, and any other data and reporting relating to Cooperative Activities;
5. "Innovation" includes the implementation of a new or significantly improved product (good or service), or process, a new marketing method, or a new organisational method in business practices, workplace organisation or external relations under this Agreement;

6. "Intellectual Property" means the subject matter listed in Article 2 of the *Convention Establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization*, done at Stockholm on 14 July 1967 (as amended on 28 September 1979), and may include other subject matter as agreed by the Parties;
7. "Joint Research" means research, development, science and Innovation that is implemented with financial support from one or both Parties and that involves collaboration by Participants from both countries under this Agreement;
8. "Participant" means any individual or entity, including the employees of an individual or entity, engaged in a Cooperative Activity under this Agreement;
9. "Representative" means any individual or entity, including the employees of an individual or entity, authorised by a Party to enter into a Cooperative Activity under this Agreement; and
10. "Work Programme" means a set of Cooperative Activities that the Parties agree to undertake within a specified period of time.

ARTICLE 2

Objective

The objective of this Agreement is to set in place the conditions to achieve a trans-Tasman Innovation ecosystem, and contribute to the goal of a Single Economic Market between Australia and New Zealand.