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No

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Cabinet Economic Development Committee

Minute of Decision

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Trans-Tasman Patent Attorney Registration Regime Review: Release of Consultation Paper

Portfolio Commerce and Consumer Affairs

On 27 October 2021, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee (DEV):

- 1 **noted** that the *Arrangement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand Relating to Trans-Tasman Regulation of Patent Attorneys* (the Arrangement), which sets out a single Trans-Tasman patent attorney registration regime (the TTPA regime), entered into force on 24 February 2017;
- 2 **noted** that the Arrangement requires Australia and New Zealand to carry out a review of the effectiveness of TTPA regime no later than five years after it has entered into effect (ie by 24 February 2022);
- 3 **noted** that the consultation paper *Arrangement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand Relating to Trans-Tasman Regulation of Patent Attorneys: Consultation Paper* (the consultation paper), attached to the submission under DEV-21-SUB-0216, seeks feedback from the Australian and New Zealand public on whether any improvements to the TTPA regime should be made;
- 4 **noted** that the consultation paper would be jointly released by IP Australia and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment;
- 5 **agreed** to the release of the consultation paper in October 2021, for a six week public consultation period;
- 6 **authorised** the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to make editorial and minor content changes to the consultation paper, in consultation with their Australian counterpart, prior to its public release;
- 7 **invited** the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to report back to DEV on the outcome of the consultation by 31 May 2022;
- 8 **noted** that the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and the Australian Minister for Industry, Science and Technology will issue a joint media statement on the release of the consultation paper.

Janine Harvey
Committee Secretary

Present: (see over)

Present:

Hon Grant Robertson (Chair)
Hon Dr Megan Woods
Hon David Parker
Hon Poto Williams
Hon Damien O'Connor
Hon Stuart Nash
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Willie Jackson
Hon Michael Wood
Hon Dr David Clark
Hon Meka Whaitiri
Hon Phil Twyford
Rino Tirikatene MP
Dr Deborah Russell MP

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for DEV