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MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE**

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Dear Minister

In connection with the arrangement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand relating to the Trans-Tasman Regulation of Patent Attorneys (the Arrangement), I have the honour to confirm the following understanding:

- The Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand recognise that where the Arrangement refers to the “Administrative Appeals Tribunal” the Participants understand this refers to the “Administrative Review Tribunal” as established by the *Administrative Review Tribunal Act 2024 (Cth)* (the Act).
- The Participants acknowledge this change is due to the commencement of the Act, which has established the Administrative Review Tribunal to replace the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

I propose this letter and your letter in reply will constitute a shared understanding between our two Governments and form an integral part of the Arrangement. I propose that this understanding will come into effect on 1 March 2025.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ed Husic', written over a large blue circular scribble.

Ed Husic MP