



18/02/2025

The Hon Ed Husic MP
Minister for Industry and Science
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600
AUSTRALIA

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Dear Minister, *Ed*

Arrangement between the Government of Australia and the Government of New Zealand Relating to the Trans-Tasman Regulation of Patent Attorneys

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 15 January 2025, which reads as follows:

"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 that 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."

I have the honour to confirm that my Government shares this understanding, and that your letter and this letter in reply will constitute a shared understanding between our two Governments, which will come into effect on 1 March 2025, and that they form an integral part of the Arrangement.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "A Bayly".

Hon Andrew Bayly
Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
New Zealand