

Proactive Release

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Title	Reference
<i>Cabinet Minute of Decision – Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Nania Mahuta</i>	CAB-23-MIN-0037
<i>Report to Cabinet: Minister of Foreign Affairs’ Visit to Canberra, Australia: 2 December 2022</i>	

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Minute of Decision

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Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Nanaia Mahuta

Portfolio **Foreign Affairs**

On 20 February 2023, Cabinet **noted** the report from Hon Nanaia Mahuta under CAB-23-SUB-0037 on her travel, on 2 December 2022, to Canberra, Australia for the biannual Foreign Ministerial Consultations.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Report to Cabinet: Minister of Foreign Affairs' Visit to Canberra, Australia: 2 December 2022

- 1 I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to Canberra on 2 December 2022.

Report

- 2 I travelled to Canberra to meet with my Australian counterpart Penny Wong for the biannual Foreign Ministerial Consultations on 2 December. My programme also included a formal welcome to Ngunnawal country, a meeting with the Minister for Indigenous Australians, and a mihi whakatau at the New Zealand High Commission.
- 3 The trip met Aotearoa New Zealand's objectives and reaffirmed New Zealand's commitment to Australia as our closest bilateral partner. The objectives for my visit were to:
- 3.1 discuss priorities and coordination in the Pacific;
 - 3.2 discuss Indo-Pacific issues and regional engagement;
 - 3.3 raise Minister Wong's awareness of New Zealand's priorities for the relationship looking ahead to the significant anniversaries in 2023; and
 - 3.4 share perspectives on the development of our respective indigenous foreign policies.
- 4 Detailed reporting has been produced by the High Commission in Canberra and circulated through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade's formal message system.

Bilateral relationship

- 5 s6(b)(i)

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China

- 7 s6(b)(i)

s6(b)(i)

Pacific regional issues

8 s6(b)(i)

9 s6(a), s6(b)(i)

10 s6(a), s6(b)(i)

Climate Change

11 s6(b)(i)

ASEAN

12 s6(b)(i)

Russia/Ukraine and Iran

13 s6(b)(i)

Indigenous Foreign Policy and domestic challenges

14 s6(b)(i)

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Recommendations

The Minister of Foreign Affairs recommends that Cabinet:

1 note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Nanaia Mahuta

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