

Proactive Release

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<i>Cabinet Minute of Decision – Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay – November 2024</i>	CAB-25-MIN-0015
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Minute of Decision

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Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay - November 2024

Portfolio Trade and Investment

On 3 February 2025, Cabinet **noted** the report from Hon Todd McClay under CAB-25-SUB-0015 on his travel, from 26 to 30 November 2024, to Vancouver, Canada to attend the 8th Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership Ministerial Commission.

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Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay - November 2024

I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to Vancouver, Canada, from Tuesday 26 November to Saturday 30 November 2024 to attend the 8th Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) Ministerial Commission.

Report

1. The primary purpose of this travel was to lead the New Zealand delegation to the CPTPP Commission, where Ministers finalised the entry into force for the UK and launched an accession working group for Costa Rica. These were key deliverables for New Zealand, given our interest in expanding membership to countries that ^{s6(a)} have a likeminded approach to trade rules and liberalisation.
2. At the Commission meeting, I discussed with Ministers progress on the General Review of CPTPP, emphasising New Zealand's ambition to enhance the agreement in a way that delivers meaningful commercial outcomes for businesses and consumers, and demonstrates to the world the value of cooperation and rules-based trade.
3. My other objective was to raise New Zealand's ongoing dairy dispute with Canada with my counterpart Trade Minister, Mary Ng. In our bilateral meeting I emphasised New Zealand's expectation that Canada needs to deliver substantively across all areas of our proposal to find a negotiated solution. I also emphasised the seriousness New Zealand attaches to this issue at the Ministerial press conference, reaffirming the government's view that although Canada is not meeting its obligations, New Zealand will continue to engage in good faith to reach a solution.
4. My wider business programme in Vancouver included a practical demonstration of a Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue vessel with a propulsion system contributed by New Zealand company HamiltonJet with the support of their in-market partner Jastram Technologies Ltd. I also spoke at an event celebrating the opening of New Zealand firm RCP's first office in Canada, engaging with key stakeholders from infrastructure development agencies, public health, general contractors, and consultants.

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I propose to release this paper proactively in part.

Recommendation

I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Todd McClay

Minister for Trade and Investment

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