

Proactive Release

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Cabinet

Minute of Decision

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Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay – November 2025

Portfolio **Trade and Investment**

On 27 January 2026, Cabinet **noted** the report from Hon Todd McClay under CAB-26-SUB-0005 on his travel, from 7 to 21 November 2025, to:

- 1 China to attend the China International Import Expo in Shanghai and undertake bilateral engagements in Beijing;
- 2 India to undertake bilateral engagements;
- 3 Singapore to attend the first Ministerial Meeting of the Future of Investment and Trade Partnership;
- 4 Melbourne, Australia to attend the Ministerial Commission of the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Rachel Hayward
Secretary of the Cabinet

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Office of the Minister for Trade and Investment

Chair, Cabinet

Report on Overseas Travel: Hon Todd McClay – November 2025

I recommend that Cabinet note this report on my travel to Shanghai and Beijing (China), New Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Mumbai (India), Singapore, and Melbourne, Australia from 7 to 12 November and 13 to 21 November, in my capacity as Minister for Trade and Investment.

Report

- 1 The primary purpose of travel to China was to support the over 80 New Zealand exporters exhibiting at the China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai. I witnessed a range of new deals and partnerships signed between New Zealand and Chinese companies, worth more than NZ\$450 million in commercial value.
- 2 I undertook a truncated programme in Beijing, meeting with my forestry counterpart to reaffirm the close cooperation between New Zealand and China on forestry and ecological conservation. I also led a roundtable with Chinese economic and trade think tank representatives associated with China's Ministry of Commerce and the State Council.
- 3 In India, I attended the Confederation of Indian Industry Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam. I spoke on a trade panel 'Navigating the New Geoeconomic Order' and at the closing plenary. In New Delhi I led a New Zealand forestry trade mission, promoting New Zealand forestry exports and helping position the industry to maximise the opportunity that the Indian market presents.
- 4 Across my visit I engaged with Minister Goyal and continued to build the trade and economic relationship with India in support of the Free Trade Agreement and in Mumbai, we held ministerial trade negotiations. I also attended an inaugural cricket tournament with Minister Goyal and toured a skills centre. These engagements built on the successful visit of Minister Goyal to New Zealand 5-8 November.
- 5 In Singapore I attended the inaugural Future of Investment and Trade (FIT) Partnership Ministerial Meeting, where Ministers launched a Declaration on Supply Chain Resilience, and initiated workstreams on Digital and Paperless Trade, Strengthening the Rules-Based Trading System, and Leveraging Technology to Address Current Challenges in Trade. I also held bilateral meetings with Costa Rica and Singapore and signed a Joint Vision Statement with my counterpart from the United Arab Emirates, establishing the New

Zealand–UAE Business Council. s9(2)(f)(iv)

- 6 In Melbourne I attended the Comprehensive Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) Ministerial Commission and held bilateral meetings with CPTPP Ministers. Ministers agreed that accession negotiations would start immediately with Uruguay and will commence in 2026 with the others if appropriate. The Commission also included the inaugural CPTPP Trade and Investment Dialogues with the European Union and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Proactive release

- 7 I propose to release this paper proactively in part.

Recommendation

- 8 I recommend that Cabinet note this report.

Authorised for lodgement

Hon Todd McClay

Minister for Trade and Investment

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