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JOINT STATEMENT WITH THE RT HON JIM BOLGER, PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND

The Prime Minister of Australia, The Hon Bob Hawke, and the Prime Minister of New Zealand, the Rt Hon Jim Bolger, today jointly announced their Governments' agreement to an agenda for the 1992 review of the CER Agreement.

On 5 July this year the Australian and New Zealand ministers with responsibility for CER, the Hon Neai Blewett and the Hon Philip Burdon, announced that they would be recommending to their respective Governments that they address a number of practical issues with the aim of removing remaining impediments to bilateral trade and of making it easier to do business between the two countries.

These included: trans-Tasman shipping; specific taxation arrangements which may be impeding bilateral trade and investment; trade in services; further harmonisation of business laws, standards and customs and quarantine arrangements; and an examination of the mutual recognition of professional and other qualifications.

Both Governments have now agreed to these items being on the review agenda. The review will begin shortly.