

## International Travel Application

**Robbie Muir to Beijing , China**

**21st – 24th November 2019**

**1920126 Represent NZ at an international conference jointly hosted by the World Bank and the Chinese Government: *Improving the Business Environment for a More Dynamic Economy of China and the world.***

<b>PURPOSE:</b>	<p>We have been approached by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade to support a high-level conference jointly hosted by the Chinese Government and the World Bank.</p> <p>MFAT has identified this as a great opportunity for New Zealand to share its experience and to further support its relationship development with senior Chinese government and business officials.</p> <p>During the conference there will be a special focus on the World Bank’s annual <i>Doing Business Report</i>, in which New Zealand has consistently ranked very highly for Ease of Doing Business across a number of indicators, including registering property. China wishes to build on what it’s already doing by drawing on international best practice from countries like New Zealand.</p> <p>The conference provides New Zealand with an excellent opportunity to enhance its international reputation as a global leader and develop networks with the World Bank and the Chinese government.</p> <p>MFAT has recommended we focus on:</p> <p><i>“the steps, time, and cost involved in registering a property, assuming a standardized case of an entrepreneur who wants to purchase land and a building that is already registered and free of title dispute. In addition, the topic measures the quality of the land administration system in each economy. The quality of land administration index has five dimensions: reliability of infrastructure, transparency of information, geographic coverage, land dispute resolution, and equal access to property rights” – (topic explanation from the conference agenda)</i></p> <p>As part of the New Zealand delegation, Robbie will be participating in a panel discussion led by Sylvia Solf, Senior Private Sector Specialist, World Bank. The other delegates from New Zealand include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ross Van Der Schyff, Registrar of Companies (talking about the ‘Starting a Business’ indicator)</li> <li>• Ben King, Deputy Secretary of Asia and Americas at MFAT (talking about the New Zealand business environment as a whole)</li> </ul>
<b>TRAVEL DATES:</b>	The following dates are provisional and depend on flight availability: 21st – 24th November 2019 (incl.)
<b>JUSTIFICATION:</b>	We were approached by MFAT to support this conference due to our international reputation as a world leader in registering property.
<b>OBJECTIVES:</b>	<p>To enhance NZ’s international reputation by sharing LINZ’s experience in developing a world-leading system for land registration.</p> <p>Develop international networks with the World Bank and our land registry counterparts in the Chinese government.</p>
<b>Fit with LINZ</b>	This trip relates to our ‘World Class Property System’ Outcome and



<b>Objectives:</b>	<p>supports our key shifts of being 'Outward-Looking' and 'Connected'. As another opportunity to "step up and out", this conference offers us a platform on a global stage to share our experience and showcase our world-leading system for land registration.</p> <p>We will be supporting MFAT's strategic goal to build and leverage targeted international relations to achieve organisational goals especially its goal of NZ Connections – fostering mutually beneficial relationships with NZ Inc partners.</p>
<b>Business Group International Travel Plan</b>	- Was the travel identified in your business group's international travel plan? <b>Y</b>

**Traveller(s)** on completion of travel, and within five working days of return to New Zealand, the International Travel Report (following) must be completed and submitted to your DCE.

<b>BUDGET:</b>	<b>Total costs (excluding time taken as leave)</b>		
	Air Fares (Economy)	-NZ\$	2500
	Accommodation: 2- 3 nights	-NZ\$	1000
	Meals (3 – 4 days @ NZ\$100)	-NZ\$	400
	Incidentals (i.e. coffee/taxis etc.)	-NZ\$	600
	<b>BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>NZ\$</b>	<b>4500</b>
<b>RISK:</b>	<b>Are you travelling to a high risk location? Y</b>		
	<p>Depending on flight timing/ availability and costs may fly through Hong Kong airport</p> <p><b><i>If "Yes" you will need CE's approval</i></b></p>		

All LINZ international travellers are required to register their international travel with MFAT's '**Safe Travel**' website [www.safetravel.govt.nz](http://www.safetravel.govt.nz)

**APPROVAL**

<b>Traveller(s)</b>	<b>Approved/Not Approved</b>
<p>_____</p> <p>Robbie Muir DCE Strategy and Stewardship</p> <p>Date: ____ / ____ / ____</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Gaye Searancke Chief Executive</p> <p>Date: ____ / ____ / ____</p>