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Dear Mr President

Legal Statement in support of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023

As Minister for Economic Development, I hold the portfolio for major events and the New Zealand Government investment and support for them.

On behalf of the New Zealand Government I provide this legal statement to FIFA as you require in our bid to host the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023.

High level summary of the legal framework in New Zealand

New Zealand has a strong and independent system of justice that is highly regarded worldwide.

The legal framework in New Zealand is underpinned by an independent judiciary, to ensure a fair system of justice to operate, and is one of the three branches of government alongside the Legislature (Parliament), and the Executive (Cabinet and Ministers outside Cabinet plus Government Departments).

The Judiciary is headed by the Chief Justice, Dame Helen Winkelmann, who holds seniority over all judges. The Chief Justice acts as Administrator of the Government in the absence or incapacity of the Governor General, with all the powers and functions of the office including chairing Executive Council. They are the principal point of contact between the Executive Government and the Judiciary and in particular, the Chief Justice liaises with Government on policies or practices that impact upon judicial administration and the discharge of judicial responsibilities.

Judges in New Zealand are not elected into their role. They are appointed by the Governor-General on the advice of the Attorney-General, who is a Cabinet Member in the Government.

New Zealand has general courts and specialist courts, with most legal issues dealt with by them as 'courts of general jurisdiction' deciding criminal and civil matters. There are four levels of courts being: the District courts, High Court, Appeal Court and Supreme Court.

The jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal and the District Court is defined by statute. The High Court has both statutory jurisdiction and inherent common law

jurisdiction. A case that is decided in the District Court can be appealed to the High Court, or directly to the Court of Appeal where the law allows it. The Supreme Court is the final appellate court presided by the Chief Justice.

Legislation in support of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023

New Zealand has legislation that meets or exceeds many global standards. Attached to this statement is a list of legislative Acts in our country that would support the successful delivery of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 in New Zealand.

Most notably, New Zealand has legislation that protects the commercial rights of major event organisers and their sponsors from ambush marketing through the *Major Events Management Act 2007*. This legislation is only applicable and enforceable for events that are formally declared 'Major Events' by the Governor-General by Order in Council.

If our bid to host the tournament is successful, we would welcome an application for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 to be declared a Major Event in New Zealand under the Major Events Management Act.

I note that the scope and nature of existing legislation supporting major events in New Zealand, has been to the satisfaction of FIFA during past FIFA tournaments hosted in New Zealand. Specifically, the 1999 FIFA U17 Men's World Cup, the inaugural FIFA U17 Women's World Cup in 2008, and the 2015 FIFA Men's U20 World Cup. We have not identified any need to enact any new legislation in support of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 event.

Commitment to the government letters of support

The New Zealand Government is committed to honouring the assurances outlined in the government letters of support provided in our bid for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023. The New Zealand Government looks forward to working with FIFA to support the success of the event.

Should FIFA have any questions or concerns about any of the government letters of support from New Zealand, the New Zealand Major Events team in the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment are available to help answer these. Your primary contact in this team is Senior Advisor, Drew Naika who is the government liaison with New Zealand Football as the FIFA Member Association. He can be contacted at drew.naika@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



Hon Phil Twyford
Minister for Economic Development

Legislation that supports the successful delivery of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023:

Area	Legislation
Commercial protections	<i>Major Events Management Act 2007</i>
Immigration visas	<i>Immigration Act 2009</i>
Human rights	<i>Human Rights Act 1993</i>
Environmental sustainability	<i>Resource Management Act 1991</i>
Health and safety	<i>Health and Safety at Work Act 2015</i>
Emergency medical	<i>Accident Compensation Act 2001</i>
Security	<i>Intelligence and Security Act 2017</i>
Emergency powers	<i>International Terrorism (Emergency Powers) Act 1987</i>
Goods and services tax	<i>Goods and Services Tax Act 1985</i>
Safe buildings	<i>Building Act 2004</i>
Noise management	<i>Resource Management Act 1991</i>
Anti-money laundering	<i>Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Act 2009</i>

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