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2025 TASKFORCE: INVITATION TO HAVE YOUR SAY

As you may be aware, the Government established the 2025 Taskforce in July 2009 to provide the Government with credible recommendations to improve productivity and close the income gap with Australia by 2025. The Taskforce will report annually to the Government for three years – our first report is due in November 2009.

Taskforce members are:

- Dr Don Brash (Chair), former Leader of the National Party and Reserve Bank Governor
- David Caygill, former Minister of Finance and Chair of the Electricity Commission
- Judith Sloan, Australian Productivity Commissioner and Fair Play Commissioner
- Jeremy Moon, Chief Executive of Icebreaker
- Dr Bryce Wilkinson, Economist

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to make a brief submission (2-3 pages) to the Taskforce outlining your views about what needs to be done to close the income gap with Australia. We don't want to pose any set questions – we would rather hear from you in your own words about anything you think is important, and particularly why you think so. As a guide, we are broadly interested in:

- What is holding NZ back from achieving incomes as high as those in comparable countries?
- What can (or should) the Government do about it?
- How much difference could it make if the Government did what you propose?

In your submission, would you also please indicate:

- Whether you are willing for your submission to be made public on the Taskforce's website?
- Who to contact in case we need further information in relation to your submission?

We don't underestimate the task ahead – raising productivity and closing the income gap with Australia is clearly the biggest economic challenge New Zealand is facing. We also know it will not be achieved quickly or with a few policy changes. We therefore welcome your thoughts and comments, and invite you to continue to engage with us over the next three years.

Please forward your submission to:

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We look forward to hearing from you.