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Trans-Tasman IP Attorneys Board

By email only

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Response to the draft Code of Conduct
Our Ref: 28M-3

Dear Madam/Sir

We refer to the draft Code of Conduct 2018 and the invitation to make written submissions by 28 September 2017. We are pleased to make the following submissions on behalf of FB Rice.

We are pleased overall to note the modifications and additions to the proposed Code. We particularly support the approach as adopted in draft Clauses 16 (Communication), 21 (Independence) and 23 (Ownership). We consider it important that all clients of Australian registered attorneys be clearly informed in writing of where the registered attorney is an incorporated company and/or is a member of an “ownership group” and that if in such a group that there be an onus on attorneys to operate independently of other members in the group.

We have noted a minor typographical error in draft Clause 23, the word “identify” should we believe be “identity”.

We look forward to issuance of advice as to when the new Code is to come into force.

Yours sincerely
FB Rice



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