



Expressions of Interest for Appointment to the Trans-Tasman IP Attorneys Board

The Trans-Tasman IP Attorneys Board (the **Board**) administers the regulatory and disciplinary regime for patent attorneys in Australia and New Zealand, and trade marks attorneys in Australia. The Board is established under section 227A of the Australian Patents Act 1990 and consists of a Chairperson, the Director General of IP Australia, the New Zealand Commissioners of Patents, two New Zealand representatives of the patent attorney profession and five other members. More information on the Board, including a description of its functions and responsibilities, can be found on its website (www.ttipattorney.gov.au).

Expressions of interest are invited from persons who wish to be considered to serve on the Board. The Board will have a vacant position from late June 2018, when the membership of one of the two New Zealand representatives of the patent attorney profession will expire.

The Government is seeking a New Zealand resident patent attorney with sound experience in intellectual property protection (**IP**) and IP law to fill this vacancy.

The Government is particularly interested in hearing from individuals with substantial experience, knowledge, and significant standing, in New Zealand patent attorney practice. Registered patent attorneys with at least 5 years of patents-related work experience are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applicants are expected to have an up-to-date understanding and appreciation of the domestic and international IP environment, changes potentially impacting on the patent attorney profession, and the educational needs of those seeking registration.

Appointments

Appointments are usually for three years. Board members are part-time public office holders and receive a sitting allowance set by the Australian Remuneration Tribunal – currently AU\$824.00 per day (approximately NZ\$930.00 per day). Members are expected to be available for up to 10 days per year, with each of the three Board meetings usually requiring two days of a member's time (excluding travel). In addition to the sitting allowance, members are entitled to an allowance for travel-related expenses as determined by the Australian Remuneration Tribunal.

How to Apply

Please apply through the [Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment careers website](#) and search for MBIE/1317507. You will need to complete the online application form and upload your CV and covering letter outlining your suitability for becoming a Trans-Tasman IP Attorneys Board member. The names of two referees would be appreciated.

Please note that when using our website to apply, you should disregard answering the following items:

- whether you have been previous employment by MBIE or one of its former agencies
- giving your consent to undergo a medical examination
- giving your consent to undergo a security check.

If you would like to discuss the functions and responsibilities of the Board, the role of Board members, or require further information about the position or how to apply, please contact George Wardle on (04) 474 2196 or george.wardle@mbie.govt.nz

Expressions of Interest close 5.00pm 19 March 2018.