

## **Election 2020 – TradeWorks**

### **Trading Promises**

#### **NZ First**

**1. How would you describe the state of NZ's relationship with China?**

Our trade relationships with China is stronger than ever before. And as good international friends do, we maintain our relationships and maintain our independent foreign policy.

**In your view has the 2008 FTA been a success?**

Yes but it had a lot that could have been included or improved at the time, but yes. And with the recent re-negotiations, this Govt has made it better again.

**2. How would you describe the state of NZ's relationship with the United States? Do you think it advisable or possible to negotiate an FTA with the USA?**

Our relationship with Americans is stronger than it has been for quite some time. Both countries are certainly willing to explore the possibility of a trade agreement. As always, NZ must be looking to maximise its benefit in any trade negotiations but it is one of our largest trading partners and if we can make it easier for our exporters, then that's what we should try and do.

**3. Is your party committed to concluding FTAs with the European Union and the UK?**

Yes in fact it's been the pleasure of several of our Ministers and the Under-Secretary to further both FTAs along.

**Do you think concluding these agreements should depend on strong market access outcomes for agriculture?**

Yes.

**What else would be important for you?**

Fundamentally it has to be about good market access and rules of trade and investment. That's what our Govt negotiators are working on right now.

**4. Should trade agreements include enforceable environmental provisions?**

All countries have to be committed to the Paris Agreement and any commitment in trade deals that stimulates or encourages countries play their part, is to be encouraged and supported. NZ First sees a good environmental and sustainable economy as good for international trade.

**5. How can trade agreements assist the services and creative industries and the digital economy?**

As we have said in Foreign Affairs, 'it is important that we continue to negotiate high-quality comprehensive FTAs that cover trade in services and investment, as well as trade in goods,' and I completely agree with this. In June 2020 NZ Signed the Digital Economy Partnership Agreement (DEPA), which is a new initiative with Chile and Singapore. This provides a template for generating other opportunities in this space.

**6. Should trade agreements include specific provisions to address the inclusion of women, Maori and small business?**

Yes some of our main ones already do. It's also part of NZ's 'Trade for all' agenda.

**7. Should trade agreements seek to promote foreign direct investment and if so how?**

Sensible actual investment into countries is to be encouraged and supported and that means giving standardised rules of investment that all parties understand, operate and abide by.