



## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### NZ\$5 TRILLION INVESTOR GROUP SUPPORTS CHRISTCHURCH CALL

New Zealand and global investors representing more than NZD\$5 trillion have added their support to the Christchurch Call, which sets out voluntary commitments for governments, companies and wider society to work together to eliminate terrorist and violent extremist content online.

Launched today at a summit in Paris attended by world leaders and the major tech companies, the Christchurch Call is an initiative of New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and French President Emmanuel Macron.

Spokesman for the investor group, New Zealand Super Fund CEO Matt Whineray, says the Christchurch Call by global leaders aligns well with the collective push by the investors.

“The investor initiative supports the Christchurch Call and part of our engagement with social media companies will involve monitoring and ensuring accountability for the Christchurch Call commitments made,” he says.

In the immediate aftermath of the Christchurch terrorist attack, New Zealand-based investors joined by others from around the world to collectively engage with the social media companies Facebook, Google and Twitter. The objective of the engagement is to get the social media companies to strengthen controls that will prevent the live streaming and distribution of objectionable content.

“It is important there is a globally coordinated response to the attack, which is why it is positive to see governments and tech companies coming together to search for solutions,” said Mr Whineray.

“We look forward to reinforcing the Christchurch Call by engaging directly with the companies themselves to drive change. As shareholders and investors we will use our collective leverage to raise concerns with the companies’ board and management on these issues.”

The investor initiative continues to welcome new members. It now has 55 funds participating (27 from NZ and 28 international), representing more than NZD\$5 trillion of assets under management.

#### Current participants include:

##### Leaders Group (Crown-owned investors)

New Zealand Super Fund (NZSF)  
Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC)  
Government Superannuation Fund (GSF)  
National Provident Fund (NPF)  
Kiwi Wealth (KW)

##### Confirmed Participants – NZ

AMP Financial Services  
ANZ New Zealand Investments  
ASB  
BNZ  
1Booster  
Fisher Funds  
Foundation North  
Generate Investment Management  
Harbour Asset Management  
Investment Services Group (Devon Funds, JMI Wealth, Select Wealth and Clarity Funds)  
JBWere NZ  
MAS  
Milford Asset Management  
MyFiduciary Limited  
Pathfinder  
PIE Funds/JUNO KiwiSaver Scheme  
Rata Foundation

Simplicity  
Smartshares  
Trust Investments Management Limited  
Trust Waikato  
Westpac / BT Funds Management

**Confirmed Participants – International**

AMP Capital (NZ and International)  
AP1  
AP2  
AP3  
AP4  
Australian Ethical  
Aviva Investors  
Axa Investment Management  
BMO Global Asset Management  
Brunel Pension Partnership  
Church of England Pensions Board  
Church Commissioners  
Greater Manchester Pension Fund  
HESTA  
Investec Asset Management  
LG Super  
Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF)  
Media Super  
Mercer Global (including NZ)  
Merseyside Pension Fund  
Mirova  
Nomura Asset Management  
Pantheon Ventures  
River and Mercantile  
U Ethical Investors  
VFMC  
VicSuper  
West Yorkshire Pension Fund

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