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Dear Angus,

I write to give you notice of our intention to sign a free trade agreement with Australia.

In line with my commitment to share relevant documents with your Committee ahead of publication, I enclose confidential digital copies of the full Treaty, a draft explanatory memorandum and the independently scrutinised impact assessment. I will present these documents to Parliament upon signature of the agreement as an unnumbered command paper. This does not trigger the pre-ratification scrutiny procedures set out in the Constitutional Reform & Governance Act (CRaG).

I am also writing a similar letter with the same documents to the Chair of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee. Lord Grimstone will write to Baroness Hayter, Chair of the International Agreements Committee.

I will make an oral statement to update the Commons at the earliest opportunity after signature. Subject to the Usual Channel's agreement, that statement will be repeated in the House of Lords.

### A deal for the whole of the UK

The deal will play an important role in levelling up the UK, delivering benefits for towns, cities and rural areas throughout the country. Trade with Australia is expected to increase by over 50%, add around £900 million to household wages, and deliver a boost for the economy of over £2 billion by 2035 compared to if we continued to trade on non-FTA terms. The economies of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland are estimated to benefit from a combined boost of £200 million as a result of the deal. Our economic impact assessment shows the West Midlands, the North East, North West, South East, South West and Wales are set to see the biggest gains.

### The top benefits of the agreement

Australia has removed tariffs levied on all UK exports, with the vast majority coming into effect at entry into force. This can increase opportunities for UK exporters to Australia,

whether they are one of the current 15,300 UK businesses who do export goods to Australia or new companies yet to export.

Investing in Australia will be easier than ever as we've more than quadrupled the threshold UK investments need to meet to be subject to review by Australia's Foreign Investment Review Board from AUD \$281m to AUD \$1216m.

In procurement, UK companies will now have legally guaranteed access to bid for additional Australian government contracts worth approximately £10 billion per year, including for railway transport services and freight transportation services.

For Services, UK architects, scientists, lawyers, accountants, and consultants will for the first time be able to travel to Australia for work, without being subject to Australia's Skilled Migration Occupation List. Australian firms will no longer have to prioritise hiring Australian nationals over a British national. Under changes agreed alongside the FTA, young Britons aged 35 and under will be able to travel and work in Australia for up to three years and will no longer have to work on a farm to get a Working Holiday Maker visa.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anne-Marie Trevelyan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**THE RT HON ANNE-MARIE TREVELYAN MP**  
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