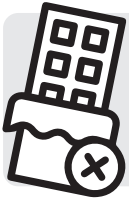


Choc-alert!

Sweeten the deal for those facing exploitation

Dear Hon. Brooke van Velden,
There's a bitter taste in our chocolate.



There are almost **50 million people** living in slavery today⁽¹⁾.
27.6 million of these are in situations of forced labour⁽²⁾.
At least **29,300** are connected to the cocoa industry⁽³⁾.

I'm sending you my favourite chocolate to sweet talk you into helping us change this.

As Kiwis we're passionate about everyone getting a fair deal – that includes the adults and children who grow much of our world's cocoa. I know you care about this too.

But a large proportion of the goods we buy in New Zealand are at risk of being produced in supply chains involving modern slavery practices, including 28% of the cocoa we consume⁽⁴⁾.

You have the power to help change this.

Over 37,000 Kiwis, alongside members of the business and investor community, have called for legislation requiring companies to address their slavery risks.

This legislation would also bring potential benefits to economic growth, trade relations and our international reputation.

As Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety, will you **honour the commitment** made by the previous cabinet **to introduce modern slavery legislation without delay?**

And **will you do better** by including a due diligence requirement, so that this legislation **makes a meaningful difference for men, women and children living in slavery?**

Thank you.



Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Please feel free to add a personal message explaining why this issue and legislation is important to you!

Tearfund New Zealand is a faith-based international development organisation that works to alleviate poverty amongst the world's most vulnerable communities. Tearfund has sought to advocate for the awareness and eradication of modern slavery practices within New Zealand and internationally. Tearfund believes implementing this modern slavery legislation will make a significant contribution to this.

Find out more at tearfund.org.nz

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