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Dear Victoria

Thank you for your email and letter of 11 July 2022 regarding the *A Plan for Upskilling and Reskilling in the Digital Technology Sector* (the Plan), which contributes to the skills focus area of the Digital Technology Industry Transformation Plan (ITP).

I acknowledge the significant amount of work that has gone into completing the Plan, including consultation with your industry colleagues and the government sector. I was interested to read not only about the opportunities for better upskilling and reskilling, but also the barriers. It is important to me to support digital tech employees to have opportunities to upskill, and that workers from other industries who want to work in digital tech are able to reskill and help meet industry demand. This Plan provides valuable insights and I thank you for your work.

I consider the Plan will also contribute to the wider work on the skills focus area and addressing challenges in our digital skills pipeline. I consider that the recommendations, if implemented, will benefit not only existing workers, but those who will move through the pipeline over time.

I would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate that I appreciate your collaboration on the ITP. This partnership is crucial to its success, and I am grateful for IT Professionals New Zealand's continued support.

I am looking forward to meeting with you to discuss the Plan and the wider work happening on digital skills at our tech sector leaders meeting on 1 September.

Thank you again for sending me a copy of the Plan.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'David Clark'.

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